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# A one-of-a-kind place

By Robert Glidden



*"I never in my life dreamed that people would get so worked up and excited about a marching band."* — Michelle White

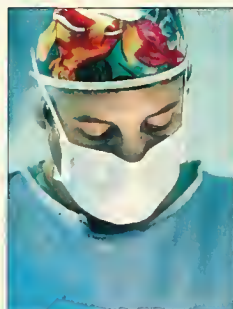
*"For me, there's nothing greater than hearing the roar of the crowd when we take the field."* — Robert Gonz

*"My heart is racing, the adrenaline is pumping and all of my stresses disappear. It is the most fun that I have ever had and I wish it could go on forever."* — Eric Best

Those heartfelt comments come from three members of the Ohio University Marching 110, and I can't imagine a better endorsement for one of our most visible and distinct student groups. This November, you'll be able to join a national television audience to see the band perform in New York City at the 74th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. But for now, I suggest you take a few minutes to catch up on this unique and inspiring group of musicians in this issue of *Ohio Today*.

In fact, "unique" and "inspiring" might be apt descriptions for a number of people, programs and initiatives highlighted in this issue of the magazine. Let me give you some examples:

- The Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, which marks a quarter century of service this academic year, is considered a national model for primary care medical education. One of 19 osteopathic medical schools in the United States and the only one in Ohio, the school is helping to fill a critical need for family doctors throughout the state and the country, especially in rural and other underserved areas. The university teams with five other osteopathic medical schools and 12 Ohio hospitals to train medical students, interns and residents in one of the nation's largest and most technologically advanced medical education consortia.



Dr. James Bové at work.

Marcy Nighswander

- A predecessor of today's highly successful honors programs was born on the Ohio University campus in the 1960s, and we've caught up with a number of its participants. Established by President Emeritus Vernon Alden as a means of nurturing future leaders, the Ohio Fellows program was one of the first in the country to provide a special learning environment for promising students. While the program existed just six years, many of its objectives soon were being carried on by the now-28-year-old Honors Tutorial College. The United States' only degree-offering institute within the traditional tutorial structure, the college offers students one-on-one interaction with faculty to build strong critical-thinking and analysis skills.

- Many of the people profiled in this issue of *Ohio Today* are likewise unique and innovative individuals. Among them: a faculty member who is conducting fascinating research into post-World War II marriage trends, an alumna who in June became the first African-American woman to lead our Board of Trustees, an alumnus who has

received the American Medical Association's top community service award for his work around the globe and a graduate who is making impressive strides in the business world.

But then, you know Ohio University is a special place. And you are an important part of it.



Ohio Fellows gather in former Chubb House.

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# FROM THE IN BOX

COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

## Speaking of love stories @

My husband and I read with great interest the story in the spring edition of *Ohio Today* titled "Love 101."

We also met while students at Ohio University in the early '80s. We were both heavily involved in Greek life and were enrolled in the College of Business. We have fond memories of our time at Ohio University. It was a wonderful experience for us, and Ohio holds a special place for us both.

We have been married for 15 years and have four children; it is our secret hope that at least one of them will choose to matriculate at Ohio.

Ohio truly is a unique learning institution that will always be very dear to us. Keep up the good work. We look forward to the day when besides being grateful alumni of Ohio University we also are Ohio University parents!

**Jane McNeill George, BBA '84**

**Von Thomas George, BBA '84**

**Allentown, Pa.**

## Gone to the chapel...

I read with great interest Miles Layton's piece in *Ohio Today* regarding the 1,700 weddings performed at Galbreath Chapel. We are one of those couples who chose to exchange our vows there in 1979, the year we graduated from Ohio University.

We met while taking classes with Fritz Hagerman, an outstanding professor and person. We dated during the 1977-78 year and were engaged at the start of the 1978-79 year. Our wedding day of June



**Timothy Neal, BSED '79**

**Anne Clark Neal, BA '79**

**Syracuse, N.Y.**

30, 1979, was made extra special by the intimate setting that Galbreath Chapel provided. The bond we have as Ohio University graduates was further strengthened with our wedding day in that simply stated, yet beautiful chapel.

The article was a great trip down memory lane.

## That was one wild ride @

Thank you for the wonderful article on "Wild Man" Ron Dingle in the Spring 2000 *Ohio Today*. It was quite a surprise to open it up and see my favorite professor looking not a day older than the first time I saw him some 20 years ago. However, I would have thought one of Ron Dingle's favorite trips would have been the "I Survived the Buffalo River" trip taken in the spring of 1976. How could you forget the long ride in the green bus?

I anxiously await the next *Ohio Today* to be pleasantly surprised with fond memories of campus life and look forward to the time when my 11-year-old son will be embarking on the same path to college and experiencing lifelong bonds and friendships.

**Kathy Brown Kainer, BSRS '97**

**Leander, Texas**

## Quite a history

I read with interest the letter by my uncle, William W. Dalton, regarding my grandfather Ralph A. Dalton teaching dancing to students at Ohio University as well as playing on an early (if not the first) Ohio football team.

I also remember a recent article regarding generations of the same family attending Ohio University over the years. No less than 12 members of my family have either attended or graduated from Ohio University, including my grandfather; his wife, Ara Spicer; their children, Virginia, John S. (my father) and uncles William W. and Ralph L. Also included is my second cousin Charles, former fire chief of the city of Athens; Ruby, a former instructor at Ohio; William's wife, Doris; second cousin Barbara Jones; my wife, Martha; and me.

**John E. Dalton, BS '56**

**Marietta, Ga.**

## Remembering Miss Brown

In the spring 2000 issue of *Ohio Today* a small notice, easily overlooked, marked the passing of a legend. Lurene C. Brown, professor emerita of English, passed away last fall.

Any student who took Methods in the Teaching of High School English can relate story after story about the famous Miss Brown. She, for some, was a challenge not easily overcome. Miss Brown believed that in order to teach English, the prospective teacher needed to know English. Radical idea! In any event, students had to pass her grammar and usage tests with the minimum grade of 90 in order to even pass the course.

She was a truly remarkable woman who believed in practicing what she preached. On the afternoon of John F. Kennedy's assassination, I was due in her 2 o'clock class. While many classes were being canceled, we knew we would have class. One of her beliefs was that the teacher's first responsibility was to her students, and that she must persevere no matter what personal or public events might be occurring.

I hope that mine is not the only letter you receive about Miss Brown. She was amazing, and I always hoped that I was just one-tenth of the teacher she was.

**Carolyn Gruber Wandstrat, BA '64**

**Kingwood, Texas**

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I read with sadness in the recent issue of *Ohio Today* the announcement of the death of Lurene Brown. When I was a junior in 1967, I took the course Miss Brown was known (and feared) for. I can no longer remember the name of it, but any English major who expected to teach (which I did at the time) had to take it. One of the requirements was that you had to pass two tests, one in usage and one in grammar. Both were extremely difficult. You had three chances to pass both these tests with scores of 90 or better, and if you failed to do that, you had to take the course over. I am proud to say I passed both, although the grammar test took me two tries.

Having been one of the students in that class, I would be remiss if I did not tell you that Miss Brown's obituary in your publication should have read not "professor emeritus," but "professor emerita." Perhaps it is your style to make all Latin adjectives masculine, but I feel Miss Brown would want the standard correct form used. I think she'd be proud of my catching this little oversight.

**Barbara Glenk Good, BA '68, MS '75**

**Pittsburgh**

**Editor's note:** We did not purposely use the masculine form of the adjective. Obviously we could have used Miss Brown's guidance! Our apologies.

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## There's still time!

Many of you have sent photos for our upcoming feature on university-related license plates. If you have plates with an OU twist, mail a snapshot by Oct. 15 to the address above.

## Scenic park honors emeriti faculty and staff

**S**ince their dedication and service have benefited generations of students, it is fitting that a tribute to Ohio University's emeriti faculty and staff will have a similarly long-lasting impact.

Emeriti Park, which honors distinguished former faculty and staff members, will be dedicated this academic year. The four-acre site is nearing completion at South Green Drive and Oxbow Trail along the former bed of the Hocking River.

A stately wrought iron and brick entranceway opens to a brick walk and an overlook with a sweeping view of a new pond, picturesque flower beds, benches, trees, fountains, a waterfall and a gazebo. The \$500,000 project was financed by the university, the Emeriti Association and about \$120,000 in individual gifts.



William Kennard near the park.

"This is a way the university can honor those who have contributed significantly to Ohio University," says Chuck Carlson, immediate past president of the Emeriti Association and chair of the Emeriti Park Campaign. Carlson is an associate professor emeritus of interpersonal communication.

"In eight years, I have seen the project grow from a bench, a tree and a few bricks to this beautiful park. It is a continuing story that recognizes a number of people who have been part of the university's growth."

The entranceway is named for Vice President for Finance and Treasurer Emeritus William Kennard.

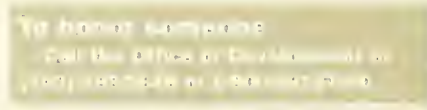
"I am deeply honored to have a portion of the park dedicated to me," Kennard says. "During the 31 years I

worked at Ohio University, I drove by the park location every day on my way to my office in Scott Quad."

The park offers opportunities for individuals or groups to honor people who have played significant roles in their college careers, says Scott Peters, associate director of development and liaison to the Emeriti Association for the project. For example, members of Chi Omega sorority made a \$100,000 pledge to honor the late Ruth Ann Picard, AB '39, adviser to the sorority for more than 50 years, and her late husband, Fred, professor emeritus of economics.

Honorary co-chairs of the Emeriti Park Campaign are Eric Wagner, professor emeritus of sociology, and Margaret Deppen, director emerita of organizations and activities.

— Jack Jeffery



## Runners race for a reason

**W**hy do marathon runners put their legs and tickers to the test? That depends on whether they're male or female, young or old, novice or veteran, according to an Ohio University researcher who studies people's motives for long-distance running.

Before the 1970s, only elite athletes trained for serious marathon competitions. But with jogging becoming a popular fitness activity during the past few decades, more people are donning sneakers and hitting the pavement. Ben Ogles, an associate professor of psychology at Ohio University, and Kevin Masters of Utah State University have polled hundreds of recreational runners — at marathons in cities such as Athens, Columbus, Cleveland and Chicago — to find out what keeps them in the race.



Using a scale that measures health, psychological, social and achievement factors, researchers found that motives can vary by gender, age and experience. Women cite a range of reasons to run — to lose weight, be social, reduce anxiety and boost self-esteem — while men are concerned with their general health status.

Rookies and young runners strive

to reach goals, such as beating a personal best time, though novices also point to fitness, weight loss and self-esteem factors. Runners over 50 are more concerned with general fitness, social affiliation with other athletes and a sense of purpose, and veteran racers enjoy the competition, recognition and fitness level that comes with the marathon experience.

In a nation of couch potatoes with growing health problems, understanding that people have different motivations to get on their feet could be enlightening, says Ogles, who hopes to compile his research in an upcoming book.

"If we can figure out what motivates marathoners," he says, "maybe we can use that to help people who don't exercise at all."

— Andrea Gibson



# Where words fail, music therapy succeeds

If you've ever hummed a lullaby to a crying infant, used soft music to set the mood for a romantic dinner or played up-tempo music when working out, you've felt the power of music. Ohio University's music therapy program teaches students how to use that power to help heal the mind and body.

Music therapy, taught at Ohio University since 1950, was among the first university training programs of its type in the nation and still stands out as one of the few to offer degrees at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The program's 40 students learn to combine music and traditional behavioral sciences, such as psychology and social work, in a way that prompts beneficial behavioral and physical changes in people.

"Music affects everyone in a certain way and can be used to help people with physical and mental disabilities," says Associate Professor of Music Michael Kellogg, director of music therapy. "Because of music's effect on the brain, stroke victims' movements become more fluid. When terminally ill patients write or play songs for their families, they're able to communicate their feelings much more clearly than through words alone."

Music therapy students are required to participate in field experiences in schools, mental health centers, nursing homes and correctional facilities in the Athens area as well as complete a six-month internship at an American Music Therapy Association training facility.

Last school year, Philip Tabler, BMUS '00, spent time with a young man in a local jail to help him identify and change the behaviors that led to his incarceration. Tabler became "50 percent musician and 50 percent therapist," teaching his client guitar to open lines of communication. He also conducted one-on-one counseling sessions with him and encouraged him to



Athens County Senior Center member Helen Ray sings with student Jodi Damon, who regularly volunteers at the center.

keep a journal.

"Music therapy enhances the corrections process by personalizing the discipline and getting them to look at how they got there and what they need to change to avoid the same outcome in the future," says Tabler, who will complete an internship at an Augusta, Ga., hospital this fall. "In therapy, you become submerged in the person's life and dedicated to their success. You have to love what you're doing or you'll never last."

## A global melody

While music therapy primarily is recognized as an occupation in the United States, international interest in the field is increasing. Students from Indonesia, Korea, Cyprus, Taiwan and Nicaragua are enrolling in Ohio University's program. In other countries, neurologists and anesthesiologists are beginning to use music therapy to supplement traditional treatments and relax patients.

In situations where patients can't or won't communicate, music can ease tension by taking the focus off the patient's problem. Junior Mary Ashby helps physically and developmentally delayed children learn to follow directions better by teaching them to play various instruments and showing them how to start and stop playing at the right times. Ashby also uses songs, such as the classic "Hokey Pokey," to help children learn movement and body part recognition as well as colors and shapes.

Senior Jodi Damon works similarly with the elderly, strengthening their decision-making skills by allowing them to write songs and choose what instruments they want to play and the kind of music they like to hear.

"I also like to record them while they're singing to improve their self-concept," she says. "Learning music seems to help build their confidence."

—Tasha Attaway

## Grant expands international reach

A U.S. Department of Education grant totaling \$1.14 million over a three-year period will allow Ohio University's African Studies and Southeast Asian Studies programs to increase their outreach across the state through educational programs for teachers, students and residents.

The grants are tied to the programs' designation as National Resource Centers. Ohio University is the only Research II institution in the nation to receive National Resource Center status for both programs. Other schools receiving grants in both areas are Research I institutions: the University of California, Los Angeles and Berkeley, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

"This award goes only to programs the U.S. Department of Education considers the strongest in the nation, so it's like a seal of approval from the federal government to receive this status," says Josep Rota, associate provost for international programs.

The mission of the African Studies and Southeast Asian Studies programs is to provide students, scholars and community members opportunities to connect with other cultures through language, education and research. Program directors plan to use the grant money to expand educational outreach to classrooms and businesses across the state.

## Beta Theta Pi lauds athletes

Several Ohio University alumni were listed among Beta Theta Pi's top 50 sportsmen of the century in the fraternity's 1999 convention issue of the magazine



Frank Baumholtz

*The Beta Theta Pi.* Ohio University athletes highlighted were former Philadelphia Phillies player Mike Schmidt, BBA '72, one of 14 players to hit more than 500 home runs; Major League outfielder Frank Baumholtz, BSED '41, with a .290 average in 10 seasons; veteran college baseball coach Bob Morgan, BSED '69, with a

career record of 902-417-5; Major League pitcher Tom Murphy, AB '67; Thom Brennaman, who attended from 1982 to 1986, TV play-by-play announcer for the Arizona Diamondbacks and Fox Sports announcer for NFL football; and golf professional Dow Finsterwald, AB '52, who has won many PGA tournaments throughout his career.

## Student wins at Cannes Festival

Zhang Weimin, a graduate student in film production and multimedia design at Ohio University, has stepped to the head of the class among student filmmakers worldwide by winning a student film competition at the international Cannes Film Festival in France last spring. She won the Cannes 2000 Intel/American Pavilion Short Film Competition for a three-minute film she shot and produced at the festival, where she competed against students from top film schools worldwide. In her native China, Weimin has been director of photography for three feature films and a TV dramatic series. She is a graduate of Beijing Film Academy.

## Crafty students launch Hocking River flotilla

**W**earing a determined look, Sean Bevis wades into the Hocking River and hops into the stern of a canoe-like craft.

"We put a lot of hard work into this," Bevis, BSE '00, says as his three other crew members, paddles in hand, take their places in The Rocket, a sleek vessel made from four 55-gallon polyethylene Pepsi syrup barrels. "We think we've got the best design."

A sultry Saturday last spring provided the perfect climate for four teams of Ohio University engineering students who raced their homemade boats down the Hocking River from the Richland Avenue Bridge. The students combined ingenuity and recycled materials to construct flotation devices for the casual competition sponsored by the university's Society of Plastics Engineers.

"The intent was for people to have a good time and hopefully learn something," says Associate

Professor of Industrial Technology Peter Klein, who coordinated the race. "They learned design, teamwork and the value of recycling."

Bevis' prediction for the half-mile race to the Stimson Avenue Bridge proved true as The Rocket shot off to an early lead and then intentionally slowed when crew members realized their competitors would never catch them.

"You couldn't keep up with them by running along the bike path," Klein says. "Luckily, we had golf carts to ride in to watch them."

The also-rans included The Frog, built with two Pepsi barrels and two 30-gallon barrels from McBee Systems in Athens; The Bumblebee, a



Student crew members take off in The Rocket.

**RIGHT** Local resident Tom Lovdal and his son, Larson, watch the boat race from the Richland Avenue Bridge.



two-woman craft made of two Pepsi drums; and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' Minnow, constructed with empty beer kegs and equipped with a human steering system (one of the seven crew members hung off the back to kick and steer with his legs).

So who says there's nothing to do in Athens?

— Dwight Woodward

## Profs have a front row seat at the Games

**W**hile the rest of us watch the action from the comfort of our easy chairs, Ohio University faculty members Fritz and Marjorie Hagerman are helping to pull off the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

The Games, which run through Oct. 1, mark Fritz Hagerman's eighth Olympics as exercise physiologist for the U.S. rowing team. He also chairs the International Federation of Rowing's Sports Medicine Commission, which oversees the drug testing of all Olympic rowers and the medical facilities that serve them. With about 500 male and female athletes, the Olympic rowing contingent is second only to track and field in number of participants. Marjorie Hagerman, who works with the U.S. rowing team's

nutrition program, has assisted at the Olympics almost as long as her husband.

Fritz Hagerman is a professor of physiology, while Marjorie Hagerman is an assistant professor of human and consumer sciences.

Alumna Alice Wassam, BSJ '85, also is at the Games, working as a personal assistant to U.S.

women's soccer team member

Michelle Akers.

Wassam negotiates contracts, arranges appearances and handles other tasks for Akers, a member of the women's team since 1985. She also is vice president of Akers' ministry, Soccer Outreach International, which uses soccer as a platform to inspire leadership in young people.

— Mary Alice Casey



## 'CAT FACTS

**What was Cutler Hall's original name?**

**What former Major League Baseball commissioner was the 1986 commencement speaker?**

**How many buildings are on the Athens campus?**

**What university graduate program was the first of its kind in the nation?**

**How many bricks were used to build The Ridges?**

**What former student began a 21-year stint as managing editor of The New York Times in 1904?**

**How many students were in the College of Osteopathic Medicine's first class?**

**Who was the first professor of accounting at Ohio University?**

**How many club sports teams are on the Athens campus?**

**What is the annual number of visitors to Alden Library?**

(Answers on Page 8.)



# Teaching students to serve

**A**s an assistant professor of management, Mary Tucker teaches courses in leadership, professional communication and management. It may seem strange then that so many of Tucker's students are grateful for the lessons she teaches them about life. For her



Mary Tucker

*Transforming Leadership With Emotional Intelligence class, Tucker requires students to serve as reading tutors once a week at Athens' West Elementary School. The*

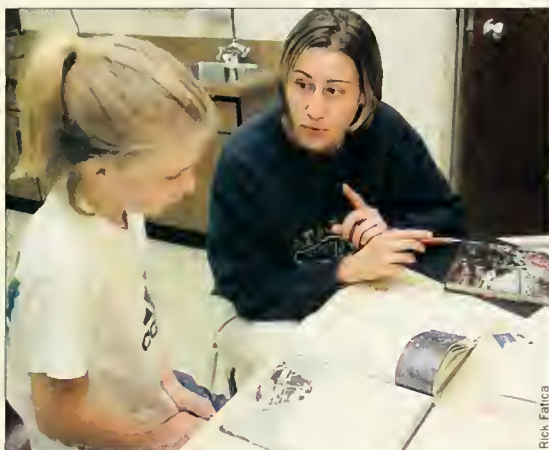
*Reading Buddies program and Tucker's commitment to community service recently earned her recognition as one of 11 finalists for the national Thomas Elfrich Faculty Award for Service Learning. Here, Tucker shares her philosophies on service learning.*

"Lagniappe" is a French word meaning "an extra or unexpected gift or benefit." That's how I view service learning. Certainly the community benefits from interaction with university students. And students are impressed by the tremendous impact a small amount of their time can have in a child's life and on the community. The benefit to me, as a faculty member, represents an unexpected gift I give to myself.

When I began integrating service learning into my class, I knew that studies by Columbia University and IBM had shown a positive correlation between community involvement and a company's return on investment and employee productivity. As more companies see the effect volunteerism can have on

the bottom line, they will seek out students who have given time to make the world a better place. That's the tangible reason I introduced service learning into my classroom.

But the real-world results can't be conveyed on a resume. I wish I could capture in words the glow of students' faces as they talk about their elementary "buddies" or the increased confidence they



Reading Buddies tutor Leslie Spremulli guides Mallory Valentour, 9, through a lesson at West Elementary School.

have in who they are and the impact they have made. Service learning — more than anything else in the syllabus — is the component that makes the most difference in my students' lives. It provides a path for them to experience

course theories while developing social responsibility and fostering a lifelong commitment to helping others. From the moment they have their first service-learning experience, they are changed.

It is easy to be proud of university students. But to experience their unselfish willingness to give that something extra inspires a level of admiration I can't describe.

## Notable quotes

Here's what others are saying about the Reading Buddies program. Tucker selected:

**West Elementary School**

**Principal Loui Unscott:**

"This program has been great. It has provided lots of one-on-one tutoring for our students and it keeps expanding with each quarter."

**Senator Michael O'Brien:**

"The community service learning project had many positive effects on my life and the lives of many others. I would like to commend every student who participated in the program as well as Dr. Tucker for implementing it."

# Conference spotlights women's heritage

**I**n the foothills of Appalachia is a wealth of history that extends all the way to Ireland and other corners of the globe. But until recent years, this piece of American history — and women's contributions to it — largely have been ignored.

To showcase women's impact on Appalachian history and culture, Ohio University-Zanesville is presenting its second annual national conference titled "Women of Appalachia: Their Heritage and Accomplishments" Oct. 26 through 28. Topics include women's influence on art, culture, education, geography, history and social issues.

"It started last year because of the great interest in Appalachia," says Kathi Albertson, conference coordinator and the Zanesville campus' director of continuing education. "We wanted to highlight accomplishments of women because no one else was doing this."

Visiting guests will include musicians, representatives of the Appalachian Regional Commission, authors, film directors, storytellers and scholars.

Organizers say the event will attract researchers and authors from throughout the country as well as people living in the region, such as social workers and nurses who work directly with Appalachian residents. The first conference, conducted in the fall of 1999, drew more than 100 participants from 18 states.

"It helps everyone to know their roots and see how rich their background is," Albertson says. "It's important to recognize the continuity of our heritage."

The conference, sponsored by Ohio University's Women's Studies Program, the Social Work Department and the Zanesville campus, received the 1999 Program Excellence Award from the Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association.

— Elizabeth Alessio



Athens County Historical Society

**For more information on the conference, contact Kathi Albertson at (740) 588-1400 or [albertso@ohio.edu](mailto:albertso@ohio.edu).**

## Web marketing raises the worth of words

**T**he Internet has not, as some feared, spelled the extinction of the book. In fact, it's helping to keep the printed word alive and well, according to a new Ohio University study.

E-commerce has raised the value of and market for used and rare books, according to a survey of 189 booksellers around the world. Online sales have increased the number of used book transactions by an average of 12.5 percent, even though some books cost more online than the same editions sold in a store.

The study found that 34 percent of the booksellers polled charge higher prices to their Internet customers than to patrons of their conventional stores. And while online sales have stabilized or decreased the price of common, plentiful used



book titles, the price of rare books has climbed.

Rare or collectible books are finite goods, and the Internet reaches a much wider audience of potential buyers than a physical shop could, says Phyllis Bernt, a professor of communication systems management and co-author of the study. Bernt and her husband, Joseph Bernt, associate professor of journalism, polled affili-

ates of the Advanced Book Exchange, a Web search engine that accesses some 5,200 book dealers.

Higher prices haven't deterred consumers from buying online.

"The problem with an antique store, a swap meet or a pawn shop is that buyers have to go to them and find things by happenstance," says Joseph Bernt, adding that the ease and convenience of finding a unique work online may mitigate the higher cost for buyers.

— Andrea Gibson

### 'Cat Facts answers

**1.** College Edifice **2.** Peter Ueberroth  
**3.** 201 buildings **4.** Sports administration and facility management program **5.** More than 18.5 million bricks **6.** Carr Van Anda **7.** 24 students **8.** Charles M. Copeland **9.** About 30 teams, although the number fluctuates depending on interest **10.** 1.3 million visitors

## University investing in Appalachian spirit

**A**n alumnus' desire to nurture Appalachian Ohio's entrepreneurial spirit has prompted Ohio University to invest educational resources and up to \$2 million in small businesses throughout the region.

David Wilhelm, AB '77, has created the Appalachian Ohio Development Fund, a venture-capital effort to create or expand businesses involved in food production, tourism, technology or manufacturing in Ohio's 29 Appalachian counties.

"There are so many people in Appalachia who have the talent, the enterprise and the vision, but what they lack is the money," says Wilhelm, president of a Chicago-based public policy and business development firm. "We're not about bringing in plants or factories from outside. We're about building on the indigenous assets of this region."

Wilhelm was inspired to create the \$15 million fund in part by his father, Professor Emeritus of Geography Hubert Wilhelm, who

taught him to appreciate Appalachian culture and understand the region's economic hardships, including the lack of capital for business development.

Through investments from Ohio University and banks statewide, up to 15 businesses will receive funding during the first year of the project. Besides making a financial contribution, Ohio University is offering training to small companies through the Regional Entrepreneurship Initiative, operated by the university's Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs and the College of Business. Companies will receive consulting services in business organization as well as product, market and financial development.



**"There are so many people in Appalachia who have the talent, the enterprise and the vision, but what they lack is the money. We're about building on the indigenous assets of this region."** — David Wilhelm

An example of the type of business Ohio University could collaborate with is Sunpower Inc. in Athens, an engineering research and development company.

Sunpower, the world leader in free-piston Stirling engines and other related technologies, already has received help from graduate students in crafting a strategic plan.

"I think Athens' unique mix of academic and industrial institutions provides great potential for collaboration among the public sector, the educational community and the private sector," says Faith Knutsen, managing director of Sunpower. "The Appalachian Ohio Development Fund is one excellent way to foster that relationship."

— Melissa Rake





**G**ene Kaufman believes math is one of the most misunderstood subjects in education. That's why the Ohio University assistant professor of mathematics has developed a course combining the exactness of hard numbers and the freedom of artistry.

"Math should be fun, but students need an opportunity to be creative in class for it to be enjoyable," he says. "Albert Einstein once said, 'Imagination is more important than knowledge.'"



Gene Kaufman

Kaufman was one of five faculty members selected by students in 1999 to receive the University Professor Award, a designation that came with the opportunity to develop a class of his choice.

He crafted "Playing with Patterns," a course based on the concept that "mathematicians are artists and artists are mathematicians." Kaufman was inspired to tackle the subject after he read a thesis by a former student describing the relationship between comparative arts and mathematics.

"Math is linked to everything we do," Kaufman says. "Since it only exists in our minds and isn't tangible, it's more artistic than scientific."

In the class, offered twice last school year, students researched ways in which math and art are intertwined. Fractals, abstract-like art based on mathematical principles, are good examples of this union. In their most basic form, fractals resemble the geometric shapes produced when you roll a circle inside or outside another circle using a Spirograph. Today, many fractals are computer-generated.

A two-time winner of the University Professor Award during his 20 years at Ohio University, Kaufman taught a course exploring the differences between games and mathematics the first time he received the designation in 1984. He thinks his teaching style is popular among students because he tries to make math fun.

"Many classes are concerned with covering the material. Not in my classes," Kaufman says. "The database of the world is changing faster than we can understand it, so we need to teach students to think for themselves."

— George Manzy

## KEEPING UP

Veteran Ohio University administrator **Michael J. Sostarich**, MA '71, was named vice president for student affairs in June after serving as interim vice president for two years.

Sostarich served as associate vice president for student affairs from 1996 to 1998, associate dean of students from 1992 to 1996, assistant dean of students and director of student life programs from 1983 to 1992 and was involved in management and programming at Baker Center from 1973 to 1983.

"Ohio University is a special place," Sostarich says. "Our students are energetic, curious, ambitious and friendly. The beauty and residential nature of our campus, quality of student life and overall intimate atmosphere create many learning opportunities. It's rewarding to be part of a system that values individual growth. I look forward to strengthening the programming and services that have brought us this far."

He was hired by the university in 1971 to coordinate a series of non-credit courses in the arts and teach playwriting classes. He earned a bachelor's degree in theater from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, in 1969 and a master's in theater from Ohio University in 1971.



Michael J. Sostarich

**Bari Watkins**, former vice president and academic dean of Bradford College, began serving as dean of Ohio University's Lancaster campus in July.



Bari Watkins

Watkins is a former chief academic officer at Morning-side College in Iowa and Queens College in North Carolina. She also served as the director of the Program on Women at Northwestern University and as dean of the College of History at Rollins College in Florida.

Watkins completed her bachelor's

degree at Rice University and her master's and doctoral degrees in history at Yale University. She attended the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University in 1996.

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Russ College of Engineering and Technology Dean **Kent Wray** accepted a position Sept. 1 as provost and senior vice president for academic and student affairs at Michigan Technological University.

Wray, who came to Ohio University as dean in 1996, negotiated the establishment of the prestigious Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ Prize in Engineering with the National Academy of Engineering and acquired \$12.5 million in gifts for the college, raising the endowment from \$28 million to \$40 million.

He also added four endowed professorships and developed a long-term advancement plan for the college.

Wray received a bachelor's degree in physics from Washburn University as well as bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in civil engineering from Kansas State University, the Air Force Institute of Technology and Texas A&M University, respectively.

Jerrel R. Mitchell, who has served as the college's associate dean for research and graduate studies since January 1997, has been appointed interim dean. A national search is being conducted for the position.

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**Ted Jones**, BSC '91, director of the university's Office of Campus Safety, retires this fall after 12 years of service.

Jones created a campus safety program that has become a model for colleges and universities across the nation through the implementation of bicycle patrols and defense training and also secured funds to further alcohol education, prevention and enforcement.

"Ohio University is known nationally as one of the safest and most inviting campuses anywhere," President Robert Glidden says. "We can thank Ted Jones for that."

Jones began his career at the Athens Police Department in March 1965 as a communication officer. He became a captain in 1972 and chief of police the next year.



# A Clear Signal



During its 50 years, WOUB-FM has become a broadcasting boot camp for students and a vital media source for the region

By Melissa Rake

**I**t's easy to kill 30 minutes watching a sitcom, sitting at the doctor's office or waiting for a pizza delivery. But try filling 30 minutes of live radio airtime. From the tick of the first second to the final 1,800th, a half hour becomes an eternity.

"I don't think our feature stories are long enough," frets junior Megan Roberts as she scans reports being fed into Ohio University Public Radio, WOUB-91.3 FM. "Some of these are only a minute or two long."

Megan locks eyes with fellow student Thom White through the glass separating the control room and Studio B in the Radio and Television Building. She's directing and he's hosting the live news program "Afternoon Edition" that airs at 4 p.m. weekdays. Today's show is no different from any other for the summer student crew. But then, every show can be a real pressure cooker.

"With live radio, we've had everything go wrong. You just have to work around it," says longtime WOUB producer John Ray, gently nudging radio newcomer Misty Caldwell to operate the control board.

In feet-to-the-fire fashion, students learn to manage on-air emergencies, from equipment mishaps to the humbling freshman at the mike.

"And all this started with one student who wanted experience," Ray says as he surveys the two studios packed with the latest radio digital technology.

Ray's referring to the stubborn determination of John Metzger, who enrolled at Ohio University in 1941 and promptly convinced administrators the campus needed a radio station. The operation was rather modest, broadcasting via transmission lines strung throughout residence halls. But by the beginning of the next decade, the university had developed one of the nation's first FM radio stations, WOUB, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this fall.





Jerry O'Conner was WOUB's chief student announcer in the late 1940s and early '50s.



Stuart Sharpe, WOUB student station manager in the 1960s, directs a radio show.



WOUB radio was housed in a military Quonset hut on campus during the late 1940s and early '50s. The sounds of passing traffic and students were a regular part of the radio broadcast.

## A piece of history

Now a veteran within the regional media market, WOUB-FM and its AM sister station have served as an in-depth training ground for thousands of students as well as a vital news and entertainment source for a weekly audience of about 44,000 residents in three states.

The university's Telecommunications Center is recognizing the station's half-century milestone in November by organizing a reunion of alumni who developed an affection for the airways while student volunteers there.

"That place was a real turning point for me," says Fox Broadcasting Chairman and CEO Roger Ailes, one of the station's most influential alumni. "I did some growing up and got a lot of experience. I miss those days when I used to get up and turn on the transmitter and get the station warmed up."

Through the years, the Telecommunications Center — providing students experience in radio, television, online services, community outreach, engineering and distance learning — has garnered a national reputation for turning out graduates with professional training. Even in the station's early days, students were the foundation of the operation.

"In order for students to get a job in broadcasting, they had to have worked



In the 1950s, broadcasting students produced 45s containing recordings of university events.

in broadcasting," says Archie Greer, BFA '49 and MFA '53, who managed the station from 1953 to 1967 and taught broadcasting until 1994. "Internships weren't popular back then, so students ran the station."

Greer came on board just three years after the Federal Communications Commission granted Ohio University a



Senior Jessa Goddard works on a news story in the student newsroom that serves both WOUB radio and TV.



Longtime WOUB-FM producer John Ray (top right) helps students prepare for the 4 p.m. weekday news show "Afternoon Edition." Students are (from top) host Thom White, director Megan Roberts and technical assistant Misty Caldwell.

license to develop a noncommercial FM station, the first in Ohio and among only a handful in the country. With a 10-watt signal, WOUB reached only the very heart of Athens.

Students, many of whom were enamored by the popularity of the 1950s disc jockey, began working at the station in increasing numbers.

"The disc jockey had become a phenomenon," Greer says. "They were idealized, and students flocked in here like there was no tomorrow, not realizing disc jockeys were so terribly paid it was ridiculous."

Students teamed up for news and sports programs, comedy shows, radio dramas and interviews with faculty, administrators and community members. Music was restricted to instrumental and classical, and more mainstream music, such as country-western, was off limits. One of Greer's responsibilities was to drop a spot of fingernail polish on inappropriate music selections to make sure they weren't played.

But some pranks slipped through. During the 1950s, two students hosting a morning show called "Yawn Patrol" announced to listeners that a 707 airplane had touched down at Ohio University's landing strip, then on East State Street.

"You couldn't land a 707 there if you took it apart and brought it in by truck," Greer jokes. "But the sheriff's department was down there checking it out and everything."

Most students took their on-air jobs seriously and now claim their radio training — which included experience at an AM station that came along in 1957 and today

remains student-operated as WOUB-AM 1340 — instilled a strong work ethic.

"Professors insisted on hard work and dedication," says Columbus TV veteran Jimmy Crum, BS '52, who covered sports at WCMH (Channel 4) for 41 years. "Anybody in radio or TV will be the first to tell you that it's not like being a banker and working 9 to 5. But it's never been work to me — it's been a hobby and an avocation all rolled into one."

WOUB-FM began evolving into the station it is today in 1969, when the FCC approved a power increase from 10 to 50,000 watts so the university could offer classes via radio to students at the emerging regional campuses. Many students from outlying areas began driving to the nearest reception point to listen to Psychology 101 and history lectures over their car radios.

The power increase also signaled a shift in radio programming.

"The balance had changed," says Joe Welling, director of the Telecommunications Center from 1970 to 1995. "Students still were involved, but we started offering more programming that would be of practical use to the folks living in Appalachian Ohio."

That included more regional news, consumer and health information and bluegrass and acoustical music for audiences in southeastern Ohio, western West Virginia and eastern Kentucky. The same year, National Public Radio was created, and Ohio University was among the first to carry its news and entertainment programming.

Carol Ford, BSC '76, used the station's expanded role to her advantage by immersing herself in every aspect of the operation.

"I did the traffic, the public service announcements, the on-air jobs and the production," says Ford, now a disc jockey at an R&B and oldies station in New York City. "It literally was our sandbox to play in."





Mark Hellenberg, who began volunteering at WOUB-FM in the late 1970s, graduated from Ohio University in 1993 and now works at the station as an announcer and producer.

Rich Fallica



Graduate student Kristy Kralj signals to her classmates in the control room as she reports sports news.

Rich Fallica

## Real-world experience

"I feel like I'm going too fast and stumbling," mumbles a flushed Thom White after he reads the final line of the weather report over the air.

John Ray ignores the self-criticisms. "Remember to smile. People like listening to someone who's smiling," Ray says, pointing to his own big grin.

Ray, who's been producing WOUB-FM programs for 40 years, is one of the station's most encouraging, and patient, staff members.

"I've always said that no one would design a business modeled after the way we operate," Ray chuckles. "I have a different student

staff every day during the school year. It's constant turnover."

But it works — and well. Today, the Telecommunications Center trains more than 200 students of almost all majors each year.

"We're really proud of the student training," says center Director Carolyn Bailey Lewis. "We treat our students as professionals, and they get good jobs in the industry."

The center's reputation is widespread — and to some, beyond belief. Baffled radio and TV producers often call WOUB staff to confirm that graduates actually have the extensive skills listed on their resumes.

Lewis keeps a folder of e-mails she receives from recent graduates updating her about their job searches. Two e-mails at the top of the stack represent the average correspondence:

Geoffrey Reddick tells her he's landed a job as a radio feature producer at WKNO in Memphis and Jim Jackson writes to say he's a Web producer at *The Chicago Tribune*.

And that's just the green grads. Experienced alumni are behind the mikes and in front of cameras in large cities and small communities throughout the world, some of the

more prominent being NBC "Today Show" co-host Matt Lauer and CNN "Early Edition" co-anchor Leon Harris. Others who found impressive niches include Nancy Cartwright, the voice of cartoon character Bart Simpson, and Bob Lamey, BA '62, commentator for the Indianapolis Colts. Many alumni are producers, directors and managers in radio and TV, including Sony Pictures Entertainment CEO Mel Harris, MA '65 and PHD '71.

"Most of our students know they're not going to be an NBC anchor, but they start out in small markets and work their way up to being a Matt Lauer," Lewis says.

Such is the case with alumna Lisa Kiek. After graduating with a broadcast journalism degree in 1992, she went from working at a small TV station in Steubenville, Ohio, to serving as the morning anchor at WBNS (Channel 10) in Columbus.

"It's really rewarding," she says. "I remember doing 'Afternoon Edition' at Ohio University and feeling like I had arrived. I thought it was so cool that I had the chance to be on the air, and I'm still doing it."

## Voice of the future

Today, WOUB-FM and its four satellite stations in Cambridge, Chillicothe, Ironton and Zanesville continue to pull programming from a mix of student presentations, staff-produced shows and National Public Radio favorites, such as "All Things Considered" and "Whad'Ya Know."

In the fall, programs will be added as the station expands from an 18- to 24-hour service. A new transmitter will allow both the radio station and WOUB-TV to broadcast day and night. What's more, WOUB-FM plans to increase live studio productions and send more students into the station's 38-county coverage area to dig up colorful news and features.

"We've got to fill the airways somehow and we want to do it better than ever," Lewis says, smiling.

Even if it means doing it 1,800 seconds at a time. **OT**

Melissa Rake is assistant editor of Ohio Today.

## Reunion rundown

At Ohio University, a reunion of alumni from the 1960s and 1970s is being held on campus. The event is a chance for alumni to catch up on the latest news and to share their experiences. The reunion is being held on the campus of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.



Bob Edwards

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# Buying the Ideal Day

Wedding industry pressures brides  
into pricey, elaborate celebrations

By Andrea Gibson



**W**hen Katherine Jellison got married 15 years ago, she wanted to plan a simple family wedding.

But she and her fiancé were thwarted at every turn. Invitations weren't available in small batches, and boutiques balked at her request for a gown minus the fancy train and flourishes.

"Most places weren't very accommodating and made us feel worse than second-class citizens," she says.

The wedding industry was sending a clear message: The proper way — and some might insist the

only way — to get hitched in America today is to host a big, elaborate, pricey affair. Jellison, an associate professor of history at Ohio University who researches women's issues and consumerism, was intrigued by the popular culture that breeds this \$32 billion industry as well as the women who shell out an average of \$20,000 for a one-day fairy tale of white lace and silk. Americans didn't always marry this way, mused Jellison, curious about what fueled this mass marriage machine.

Wealth, status and women's quests to portray Cinderella for a day were some of the answers Jellison





## “Consumer culture is the dominant factor in modern American life.”

*It reveals a defining feature of women's experience.*

found when she popped that question, which she addresses in the forthcoming book, *“It’s My Day: The Commercialization of American Weddings, 1945–2000.”* After interviewing professionals in the wedding industry and brides who wed during the second half of the last century, and combing popular magazines, books, television shows, movies and academic literature, the historian is taking a sabbatical from the university this school year to compile her research, slated for publication in 2002.

Prior to World War II, most Americans married within their ethnic communities. Relatives, neighbors and friends sewed gowns and baked cakes, and news of the event was spread by word of mouth. But things changed after the war, when more American families enjoyed disposable incomes, were geographically scattered and had greater exposure to the mass media, which promoted a new, commercialized wedding ideal.

“You don’t have specialized wedding boutiques or people who make their living as wedding planners until after World War II,” she says. “You also don’t have mass circulation magazines devoted to how people should plan their weddings. It’s really a post-war phenomenon.”

As the decades passed, more families turned to private businesses to handle wedding preparations.

Savvy industries were eager to fill the niche. Garment companies readily supplied wedding gowns, and glassware merchants convinced new brides that they needed an elegant set of crystal stemware to start their marriage right. While many mainstays of the early wedding industry were men, new female entrepreneurs were welcomed as caterers, boutique owners and planners.

Americans with newly acquired wealth hungry to gain status bought into the wedding ideal, even during economic downturns. “It’s the kind of conspicuous consumption that defines a family as middle class. Just like a second car,

a color TV, a summer vacation, a home in the suburbs, it’s a way to show that we’ve arrived.”

Young brides of limited status saw these marital productions as a precious chance to shine, Jellison says. In a reversal of gender roles, the women became authorities, relegating grooms to roles as supporting players. “It’s largely defined as a girl thing — grooms are not emotionally invested,” she says.

What puzzles Jellison, however, is that even in our current post-feminist era, progressive women still buy into the act.

“There are all these traditional notions about gender that so many people participating in these commercialized weddings don’t believe in 364 days of the year,” she says. “But on that one day, they revert back to all of these symbols of traditional femininity.”

Even the prospect of divorce — about half of all marriages still end that way — hasn’t dampened Americans’ love for the elaborate wedding.

Jellison’s students at Ohio University, who in 1995 selected her for the University Professor Teaching Award, have given her more insight into the wedding industry through personal accounts of their wedding planning or work in wedding businesses. “I learned a lot about the role consumerism does play, even with professional intellectuals,” she says.

Consumerism is a theme that repeats throughout Jellison’s research work. Her first book, *“Entitled to Power,”* published in 1993, examined rural farm women’s responses to the advent of labor-saving appliances. She’s also studied women in Amish communities.

“Consumer culture has become such a dominant factor in modern American life,” she says. “It’s such a defining feature of women’s experience. Even for women like myself who try to stay out of it, there’s no way you can avoid it.”

Jellison is quick to point out, however, that not all Americans buy into the commercialized wedding ideal. “The most surprising thing may be that a quarter of Americans are resisting it,” she says. “Of course, you never hear about that.”

But with the historian’s new book on the way, more people are likely to understand why they’re compelled to pay for personalized napkins, designer dresses and gourmet appetizers when they tie the knot. And Jellison welcomes a wide readership.

“I don’t feel comfortable doing scholarship that only five people understand. I want a broad audience,” the seven-year faculty member says. “It’s a topic everyone can relate to.” **BT**

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# Medicine

Story by  
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n any given day, you can find Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine transforming students into physicians, treating patients from throughout the region, educating the public about disease prevention and conducting research.

And **Wednesday, June 21**, was no exception.

We spent a day at the college to give you insight into a program that's entering its 25th year with a national reputation for premier primary care medical education. You can watch as a music professor undergoes surgery, as a 1-year-old gets a cheekup, as a local woman discovers how to ward off diabetes, as the dean discusses primary care and as students learn to save lives.

## 7:30 a.m.

The sweet aroma of freshly baked brownies, chocolate chip cookies and a frosted cake greet the waking senses of Dr. James Bové's staff in O'Bleness Memorial Hospital's lounge. Bové strolls in and winces at the confections while tightening the strings of his tropical-motif hospital cap.

"Oh, why not," says the associate professor of surgery, sinking into a chair and reaching across the table for a brownie.

Not every morning begins this way for these medical professionals, but it's nurse Brenda Burson-Catania's birthday, and the day won't pass without a celebration — even if they have to squeeze it in at the crack of dawn, just minutes before surgery.

Ohio University Professor of Music Richard Syracuse is prepped, out cold and lying on a table in the operating room. Bové is performing her-

nia repair surgery using a new tool called a harmonic scalpel — an appropriate choice for Syracuse, a Juilliard-trained pianist.

"OK, ready to start?" asks Bové as he cranes his neck to look at the wall clock: 8:15 a.m. "Power 105. Can someone get to that?"

The radio station's weatherman is predicting an overcast day as Bové makes a two-inch incision in Syracuse's abdomen with the long harmonic scalpel, so named because it penetrates the skin using high-frequency sound waves, minimizing bleeding and reducing recovery time. He locates Syracuse's hernia, about the size of a small potato, and pushes the tissue back toward the patient's abdominal wall. The doctor takes two mesh plugs, each shaped like a tiny ballerina tutu, and secures the hernia in place. The procedure takes 25 minutes from initial cut to last stitch.



## 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Phillip Jones peeks in 1-year-old Dylan Rose's diaper and doesn't need to investigate further.

"There's an old fungus among us," Jones jokes, grabbing a pad to write a prescription for young Dylan's diaper rash.

His mom, 19-year-old Rebecca Rose, sighs. "I knew he had a rash, and I used everything I could think of, but it kept coming back."



# at Work



7:30 a.m. Dr. James Bové (left) performs hernia surgery on Professor Richard Syracuse with help from intern Dr. Jeff Sutton, DO '99, and nurse Sandy Allen.

Dylan's red bottom — and a few pesky vaccinations — brought him and his mom to the University Osteopathic Medical Center in Parks Hall for a visit with Jones, head of the pediatrics department. It's his job to make sure Dylan is living up to his 12-month-old potential — saying "mama," teething, playing patty-cake and performing that adorable half-tip-

toe, half-stumble baby walk.

"We've got some owies today, I see," Jones says, looking at his medical chart. Dylan is due for a round of vaccinations: chicken-pox, measles, mumps, rubella and whooping cough.

Nurse Angie Jacobs sticks him swiftly in his chubby arms and legs, the paper on the table underneath him crinkling loudly as he lets out a

shrill cry. Mom is relieved it's over, happy to find a treatment for Dylan's stubborn diaper rash and, most of all, comforted that he's meeting his developmental milestones.

"I like coming to Dr. Jones because he tells me everything I need to know," says Rose, a single parent from Nelsonville. "He's really good with kids, and he checks Dylan up and down."





9:30 a.m. Rebecca Rose holds son Dylan as Dr. Phillip Jones listens to his heart.

### 10:15 a.m.

Linda Miller's mother died of complications from diabetes at age 53, and almost everyone in her family takes insulin. She suspects it's only a matter of time before genetics kicks in.

"I know I have a high risk factor for diabetes, and I don't want to end up with it," insists Miller, 47, as she looks at a diet plan prepared for her by Assistant Professor of Family Medicine Jay Shubrook, DO '96.

He guides her through lists of foods she should and shouldn't eat — lots of protein, no sweets. She has hypoglycemia, or abnormally low blood sugar, often a precursor to dia-

betes. A range of symptoms — headaches, fatigue, nausea — brought her to the doctor several weeks ago for a blood test. Today, Shubrook shares the results.

"I'm glad I know now," Miller says. "I never was scared of diabetes until I started feeling sick. I keep thinking of my mom. She had diabetes, but she didn't understand what it was doing to her body until it was too late."

Miller's new diet should eliminate many of her symptoms. "The body is a well-tuned machine," Shubrook says. "If you respect it and listen to it, you can stay healthy."

10:15 a.m. Linda Miller talks to Dr. Jay Shubrook about how to avoid diabetes.



### 11 a.m.

A 58-year-old farmer rushes to the emergency room with painful abdominal cramping. He's a steak-and-eggs type of guy, a chain smoker who hasn't seen a physician in more than 40 years. In the past four months, he's lost 20 pounds.

"So what are we gonna do with this man?" asks third-year medical student Amy Odom after reading the hypothetical patient case study to seven of her classmates. Students are examining the cases to prepare for clinical rotations at hospitals and doctors' offices in the fall.

Based on the symptoms, student Katy Kropf begins writing potential diagnoses on a board in front of the small Irvine Hall conference room: obstruction, gastroenteritis, diabetes, cancer, irritable bowel syndrome. At least one diagnosis is right: Tests come back positive for colon cancer. Students will need to investigate further before prescribing a treatment.

Such scenarios teach students everything from how to think critically to the importance of spelling medical terms correctly — elements supervisory physicians will watch for during clinical rotations.

"This helps to prepare us," Odom says. "After this quarter, we'll be doing the same thing, except with real patients."

11 a.m. Students debate the diagnosis of a hypothetical emergency room patient.





1:30 p.m. Associate Dean Charlene Smith (right) stops by for an impromptu meeting with Dean Barbara Ross-Lee.

3:30 p.m. Medical students Marcus Obeius and Reggina Williams practice intubating a dummy in class.



## 1:30 p.m.

Although Barbara Ross-Lee hasn't practiced medicine actively for several years, it seems she's always on call.

"Ed's on the phone," her secretary says, cracking open the door of the dean's Grosvenor Hall office.

"I have a marriage by telephone," Ross-Lee sighs, smiling as she picks up the receiver to discuss with her husband a family member who needs medical advice. Stacks of paperwork and shelves of thick books — much of it related to today's light-speed changes in medicine — loom close by.

"Medicine never has experienced the kind of pressures and challenges that it has in the past 10 years," says Ross-Lee, medical college dean since 1993. "We have to teach students to be learners because what they learn now will be outdated in a few years. They are in charge of their learning. It's much different from going to class and trying to stay awake and deciding when to cram."

An aggressive supporter of America's family physician, Ross-Lee says 90 percent of medical conditions can be handled by primary care doctors. Yet with today's prevalence of specialists, family does make up only 30 percent of the physician population.

"They deal with the everyday issues of life," Ross-Lee says. "They are the community doctors who can take care of the heart disease, the diabetes, the sore muscles and the diaper rash. If we're going to be able to reach the point of universal health care, we've got to have primary care physicians."

The focus on primary care is one of the distinctive hallmarks of the osteopathic medical philosophy, she says. Along with stressing a preventive approach to health, doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, employ a "total patient" perspective in which they examine all the factors — physical, emotional, environmental, cultural, socioeconomic — that may influence a person's health status.

## 3:30 p.m.

Saving someone's life takes practice and skill — and tolerance for the unexpected.

"The person you're working on is going to have eaten the biggest meal of his life, and it's definitely going to come up," warns Athens paramedic Amber Pyle as she demonstrates how to intubate a patient who has stopped breathing. "You have to be ready for anything."

And the life-saving technique must be done within seconds — with precise maneuvering and assertiveness.

Pyle ticks off the steps: "The blade goes in and sweeps the tongue to the right. Then you slide the tube in the trachea — it kind of looks like cauliflower. Then you need to keep them breathing with the pump."

After practicing the procedure on a dummy, student Reggina Williams passes the intubation test but remains a little skeptical about her ability. She's only beginning to apply the knowledge she's learned in lectures and textbooks during her first two years of medical school.

"It's scary. I've already studied and learned the information, but when it comes to actually putting it to use, will I remember everything?"

Similar thoughts cross the minds of students in a nearby classroom who are inserting IVs into each other's arms during a practice session with nurses. Kim Volpenhein looks away as her classmate, Brian O'Mahoney, slides a needle into a vein. A perfect hit. He snatches it out and applies a Band-Aid to her pricked skin.

"That wasn't bad," she laughs as he apologizes for some misdirected nicks. "We've gotta start somewhere." **OT**

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## Vital signs and stats

- Established by the Ohio Legislature in 1975, the medical college is the only osteopathic school in Ohio and one of 19 in the nation.
- Nearly 60 percent of the college's 1,648 graduates are practicing in primary care, the highest percentage of any school in Ohio. It was ranked the nation's No. 1 medical school in producing family doctors in 1998 by the American Medical Student Association.
- The college admits 100 students annually to its four-year program (about 420 are enrolled), which includes two years of study on the Athens campus and two years of training at any of 12 hospitals in the statewide Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education system.
- A Mobile Health Unit provides immunizations and cancer screenings to children and adults in a 21-county area.
- Major research areas include biotechnology, the health status of rural Americans, tropical diseases and traditional Chinese medicine.

The college's 25th anniversary will be celebrated through a series of events this academic year. For more information, contact Jim Artis at (740) 593-4313 or [artis@ohio.edu](mailto:artis@ohio.edu).

# An Academic Experiment

1960s-era Ohio Fellows initiative set stage for today's honors programs

By Elizabeth Alessio

**B**eneath the din of protests and marches on campus in the late 1960s was a quiet, eclectic — and some say mysterious — group of students who stretched their minds more than their vocal chords. They met privately with powerful politicians and artists, sat in on Harvard Business School classes and even had their own keys to Chubb House, where they joined faculty in debating the issues of the day.

These were the Ohio Fellows, students selected for their diverse beliefs, personalities and grade point averages to be groomed as the nation's future leaders. The revolutionary program, although short-lived, was one of the first in the nation to provide a special learning atmosphere for promising students, setting the stage for today's popular honors programs.

The Ohio Fellows project was the brainchild of Vernon Alden, who left his job as associate dean of Harvard Business School in late 1961 to serve as Ohio University's 15th president. Inspired by the idealism of President John F. Kennedy and a national call for youth to take leadership roles, Alden created the Ohio Plan, later called the Ohio Fellows. In all, about 100 students participated in the program throughout their college careers.

"Before I came to Ohio, my impression was that at many state-assisted universities, students were moving in lock-

step through required, often unimaginative curricula," Alden says. "I was determined that Ohio University would lift the level of aspiration for all students and provide special opportunities for unusually gifted students."

In 1964, Alden recruited Robert Greenleaf, former senior executive at AT&T, and J. Leslie Rollins, former Harvard Business School assistant dean, to help him select the first class of students. They scoured student biographies to find top candidates.

The best students weren't always the smartest or most disciplined. The dozen or so selected each year came from varied social and economic backgrounds and spanned every personality — from the quiet, shy academic to the outspoken activist. Liberals, conservatives, artists and intellectuals all were involved.

The selection process was so obscure that even many fellows could only guess why they were chosen.



Former Ohio Fellow Thomas Hodson sits in an office in Crewson House, formerly Chubb House, where he and his classmates met with faculty to debate issues during the 1960s.

Gemma Marangoni Ainslie, AB '71, now a psychologist in Austin, Texas, recalls participating in a weekend retreat at which candidates were grilled on a wide range of issues.

"I've always wondered about the philosophy behind the program and how we were chosen, just from a psychologist's perspective," Ainslie says.

The program's unusual curriculum added to the mystery. Students went on



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Vernon Alden

field trips to the nation's capital and got first dibs on competitive internships at major corporations. They also got to pick the brains of the nation's top decision-makers.

Ford (and later Chrysler) giant Lee Iacocca, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk — as well as big names outside the political arena such as longtime film director Norman Jewison (who directed "The Hurricane" with Denzel Washington earlier this year) and famous portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh — met privately with the fellows. Rather than simply expecting them to read about important national figures, Alden wanted to show students the qualities they would need to become leaders.

"I wanted them to discover that those who are leaders are human," he says. "They are not 'super people.' It was important for them to view the leaders to see that they were no different from themselves."

The sessions also gave students a glimpse at the underpinnings of American politics. During one discussion, former fellow Ralph Haberfeld, AB '69, saw Rusk let down his guard about the Vietnam War.

"I asked the secretary of state to explain why we were in Vietnam," says Haberfeld, now a marketing consultant in Colorado. "The answer was pretty lame, and his body language made me believe that he was secretly disheartened by the war."

Many of the fellows were motivated by these experiences and inspired to seek higher education opportunities at prominent schools such as Duke, Stanford and Harvard. Some eventually landed jobs as Wall Street executives, college professors, lawyers, scientists, auto company managers and government leaders.

"What has been so life-sustaining is that these interactions have led me to be undaunted by celebrity," says former fellow Terry Moore, a marketing consultant in Spencer, Ind. He finished his Ohio University bachelor's degree in 1991, 21 years after leaving to attend Harvard.

"Once you stopped being overwhelmed by who they are, you got to know them. I feel like I can sit down with anybody and have a conversation," says Moore, who recently spoke



**ABOVE:** Ohio University President Emeritus Vernon Alden (right) meets with U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk during Rusk's visit to campus in 1966. **RIGHT:** Ohio Fellows talk with visiting speaker Samuel Proctor, president of North Carolina A&T State University in the 1960s.

about religion and ecology at a United Nations conference in Istanbul.

Much of the Ohio Fellows' talent for rhetoric came from the intensive and often heated debates they had with faculty in the former Chubb House, now Crewson House.

"Everyone had different views and was passionate about their beliefs," says former fellow Thomas Hodson, BSJ '70, an Athens lawyer who also serves as a special assistant to Ohio University President Robert Glidden.

They also found themselves frequenting Chubb to chat about everything from world affairs to family issues with Rollins, Alden's former Harvard colleague and volunteer coordinator of the Ohio Fellows program.

"He was the consummate mentor," Hodson says. "He knew each one of us very well — better than we sometimes knew ourselves."

Not all the fellows walked away from the program convinced it had achieved its goals. From the start, Diane Yeager, AB '68, realized she wasn't interested so much in leadership training as intellectual debate. But it made her think outside the box.

"You got stimulating attention," says Yeager, a theology professor at Georgetown University. "Its purpose was to take some lively young intellects and stretch our minds."

Alden left Ohio University in 1969 to become chairman of The Boston Co. The Ohio Fellows program, which



had been supported by the Mead Corp. and the Mellon Foundation, was picked up by the University of North Carolina. Although the program survived only to adolescence, Alden looks at Ohio University's current offerings for honors students, such as the 28-year-old Honors Tutorial College and the prestigious Cutler Scholars program, with much pride.

"Ohio is unique among universities in the Midwest," he says. "Alumni and faculty are now supporting these programs, and I hope they can be preserved and enhanced on campus." □

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For more Ohio Fellows history, visit [www.ohiofellows.org](http://www.ohiofellows.org). If you would like to be involved in Ohio University's Ohio Fellows program, contact the office at 260-660-1220 or [info@ohiofellows.org](mailto:info@ohiofellows.org).



This band is hot, hot, hot.

Imagine what a national TV gig will do to raise its already sizzling status. By Mary Alice Casey

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hey craft their e-mail addresses like truckers concocting CB radio handles. *Alto110, OULeadTrumpet, Longtrain110.*

They eat, breathe and sleep marching band, counting on one another for companionship, counsel and the occasional study partner.

They pledge to return for Homecoming year after year, decade after decade, driven by the kind of dedication that prompted one member to have a likeness of the Diamond Ohio formation tattooed on his arm.

They are the Marching 110. And they are having the time of their lives.

Ohio University's marching band is a campus family like no other. Some 180 students strong ("110" used to stand for the number of musicians, but now refers to the 110 percent effort expected on and off the field), the band is building on traditions that date back to 1923. Its members say they've never experienced this kind of camaraderie and satisfaction before, and some clearly don't expect to again.

"What I really like most is the impact this band has had on the university," says Michelle White, 22, of

Canal Winchester, Ohio. A senior majoring in music education and English education, White leads the band's euphonium section, meaning she holds one of about 30 coveted "staff" positions. "I tell people I'm in the 110 and their first response is, 'Oh, my God, I love you guys!'"

That's the kind of reaction Director Richard Suk is shooting for in New York City this fall when the band marches in the 74th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The event is the band's first Big Apple appearance since 1976, when it became the first marching band ever to play in Carnegie Hall.









Rick Fatca

**CLOCKWISE FROM 1 ABOVE** Band members prepare for last fall's Homecoming halftime performance; a rehearsal along the Hocking River raises some dust; the student musicians practice their dance moves; the band marches along the bike path toward Peden Stadium; Jamie Wentz, BSed '99, belts out a tune on her mellophone.

even propose more than half of the band's repertoire, a combination of 110 standards, new rock tunes and a few ballads.

"They work so hard that I'm afraid to come to rehearsal unprepared — because they're prepared," Suk says. "They show up ready to work. They absolutely want to be the best."

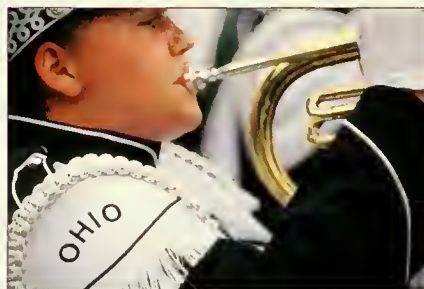
That's an attitude that has prevailed through some challenging times in the band's history, and there have been those. Among the most pivotal was a decision to exclude women beginning in 1967, when the Ohio University Marching Band became the 110 Marching Men and adopted the strenuous dance routines it is known for today. It was 1975 before women rejoined the band.

And there were the days when leaning harder on freshmen was considered not hazing but tradition. In recent years, the practice of making first-years march into the Hocking River has been replaced by a new tradition: "The whole band will get in formation and they'll sing the fight song and march into the Hocking," Suk says. "Those kinds of things really bond them."

The rapport is rampant.

"No matter how bad of a day I'm having," White says, "if I'm wearing my band jacket, I can step back and know that I belong to a large family. I will always have friends I know I can depend on."

"All of my friends are in the band," adds Bob Gonzalez, 22, a senior majoring in instrumental



Bob Krist

music education. "We are so close it's scary."

Gonzalez' hometown of Conneaut, Ohio, has produced more than its share of Marching 110 members thanks to an alumnus who introduced the same style to the high school band there about 30 years ago. He remembers about a dozen belonging when he was a sophomore and says seven or eight were expected this fall.

"It is very common for people who love the band in high school to come down here to Athens to be part of the 110," says Gonzalez, who first saw the band perform



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when he was a third-grader in Conneaut. “The dancing, the rock tunes ... it was an amazing experience for a kid. I decided then that I would come to Ohio University and be in this marching band.”

The Marching 110 drew senior Luke Jennigan to Athens, too. A 22-year-old visual communications major from Gahanna, Ohio, Jennigan maintains the band's Web page at [www.ohiou.edu/marching110](http://www.ohiou.edu/marching110).

“I made a commitment to this band as a freshman and I have enjoyed it so much that I went so far as to get a tattoo of the Diamond Ohio on my arm,” Jennigan says. “I did that knowing it would be there the remainder of my life.”

A tattoo — and many memories. **OT**

Mary Alice Casey is editor of Ohio Today.



#### To play in touch

It's a tradition that's been going on for over 100 years. The Marching 110 is a band of students who play in touch. They are the only band in the world that does this. They are the only band in the world that does this. They are the only band in the world that does this.

## Alumni keep step with today's band

By Jack Jeffery

Imagine being able to relive your fondest college memories on a single day. Hundreds of Marching 110 alumni seize that opportunity every October.

Between 150 and 200 former band members return to tailgate, talk shop and participate in the Homecoming Weekend parade and half-time and post-game shows. The tradition accentuates the allegiance of alumni and their desire to keep in touch with current members.

“Having gone through an experience that was so consuming, we share a bond that doesn't fade after graduation,” says Jennifer Shutt Bowie, BSJ '94 and MSC '99, of Athens, a former flag unit member. “During fall quarter, nearly every moment I wasn't in class or studying was spent with fellow band members.”

For former trumpet player Dennis Moore, BMUS '72 and NM '74, of Warren, Ohio, the weekends have become a family reunion. His son, Chris, leads the band's trumpet section.

“I can't find the words to express how exciting it is to come back and march and have my son on the same field,” says the elder Moore, who directs the Niles McKinley High School Marching Band. “Most parents don't have the opportunity to see their sons and daughters do what they did at the same age.”

Chris Moore shares his father's enthusiasm.

“It's really neat at post-game when he gets to stand next to me,” he says. “My dad says that his experience in the band ranks up there with getting married and having a child born.”

A strong link exists between other past and present members as well.

“There's a lot of camaraderie between alumni and current band members,” says George Brozak, BMUS '90 and MMUS '92, who just left his position as band director at Tiffin (Ohio) Columbian High School to pursue a doctorate in music education. “As an alumnus, I continue to take pride in the quality of the band.”

Director Richard Suk says alumni give current band members a beneficial perspective. “They love the band so much that they live for coming back and meeting with their old friends, and I think it's good for the band to see that. They say, ‘Wow, 10 years from now, this is still going to be important to me.’”

Bowie sees her support as an obligation she's happy to keep.

“When we were in the band, previous members supported us, and it's important to continue that legacy,” she says. “These students marching now represent us all, and they've done a great job of maintaining the tradition.”

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# THROUGH THE GATE

PROFILES OF DISTINCTIVE ALUMNI



## Educator steps to the head of the board

By Michael Tobin

**P**atricia Ackerman used to post a quotation on her office door that kept her focused and humble. The quote, excerpted from a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, asked: "For example, what does a director of curriculum do?"

Ackerman — who retired in August after 25 years with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school system, the last seven of which were spent as executive director of curriculum and instruction — hopes there will be no such confusion about her role as chair of the Ohio University Board of Trustees for 2000-01.

Ackerman, who graduated from the university in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in English, says her latest assignment is simple: make sure students continue to get the biggest bang for their education buck.

Despite her many achievements and accolades, Patricia Ackerman says teaching and learning are still what motivate her.

"Getting the highest quality education for students is a challenge in a world that is changing so rapidly," says Ackerman, who succeeded Victor Goodman as board chair in June. "One thing we cannot afford to do is provide students an obsolescent education."

To that end, Ackerman says funding and technology are two of the biggest issues facing the trustees.

"Technology will continue to be the thing we're chasing," she predicts. "You've got to chase it, but you have to decide the pace you keep and to what extent you chase it."

That is a determination Ackerman is well-prepared to make. As her school district's curriculum director, she had to ensure that the content of every class being taught to every student in every grade was current and tailored to

those students' needs. That kind of training will be useful in integrating more technology into college students' coursework, she says.

Ackerman is the first African-American woman and K-12 educator to chair the board of trustees. She was appointed to a nine-year term on the board in 1995 by then-Gov. George Voinovich.

"Pat has made a very important contribution to our board. She's the only professional educator in the group and, therefore, she has a special sensitivity to situations and problems in an educational institution," President Robert Glidden says. "It's comforting to have Pat on the board because she has a long career in education and there are many things she appreciates about teaching and learning initiatives."

Ackerman didn't always want to be an educator. When she came to Athens from Glenville High School in Cleveland, her goal was to prepare for a career as a lawyer. Yet she prided herself on her writing skills in high school and was disappointed when she was not placed in an advanced English class as a freshman. As it turned out, that was a good thing. Her talents were quickly recognized and soon she was helping to teach the class and then spent two years conducting writing clinics.

"I didn't get into Honors English, but I got to teach English as a freshman to juniors and seniors. I got to meet all types of people."

And despite her many achievements and accolades — she earned a doctor-



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ate from Kent State University, served as president of the National Alliance of Black School Educators and in the late 1980s advised President George Bush and then-Gov. Bill Clinton as they prepared for the nation's first education summit — Ackerman says teaching and learning are still what motivate her. That's why students shouldn't be surprised if they find her sitting next to them in class this fall.

"As someone who is retired, I'm in a position to be on campus more, to be accessible to students and faculty," she says. "I have a commitment to lifelong learning, so I'm looking forward to showing up in classes as a guest student."

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# After all these years, spring quarter is as exhilarating as ever

By Dwight Woodward

**B**ill Sams packed more traveling, learning and earning into his first 25 years after college than most people accomplish in a lifetime. Then he made an unusual decision — he went back to school at his alma mater.

Sams, 55, BBA '67 and MBA '72, had read about the precision language course created by Professor of Journalism Dru Riley Evarts in *Ohio Today* and decided it was just what he needed to polish his language skills.

He persuaded his wife, Jan Barnard, to return to college life spring quarter and the couple set up house-keeping in Sams' former student quarters, Carriage Hill Apartments. They rode bicycles to performances by the university symphony, visiting artists and faculty members and attended evening lectures by professors, crew races at Strouds Run State Park, baseball and women's field hockey games and the National Collegiate Cycling and National Forensics championships.

"There are just so many things to do here every night of the week and everything is within walking distance," Sams says. "I still have emotional roots here — there's a real connection."

Sams' return to the region — he's a native of Belpre, Ohio — followed a successful career in Silicon Valley and a nearly fatal mishap halfway around the world.

Sams left Athens two courses short of completing his MBA after receiving a draft notice in 1968. He served four years in the Air Force and then began work in the fledgling California computer industry, spending the next 20 years in sales and marketing for early chip manufacturers. He also

found time to complete his MBA and a law degree.

But at 48, Sams decided he had enough savings to retire, and the couple set sail from California on a trip around the world on a 46-foot sailboat. Their plans for a 10-year expedition ended when they hit a

reef in Fiji that sank their boat and nearly took their lives. They returned to their home in Lake Arrowhead, Calif., and pondered the future.

"I had talked about someday going back to OU and spending a quarter," Sams says. "Jan and I talked and we decided this was someday."

In March, the couple drove to Athens in their Ford

Explorer and Sams

enrolled in the precision language course while Barnard audited a course in music appreciation.

Sams swam regularly at the Aquatic Center, shaping up for a May 2000 reunion with his former teammates who won 1965 and 1966 Mid-American Conference swimming championships. His wife joined the Ping Student Recreation Center, which she found to be on par with top fitness clubs.

Sams also consulted with professors in computer and mathematics education as he hopes to combine his love of education and knowledge of computers to pursue his next dream — developing software that offers students a challenging and entertaining learning experience.

• For more information on educational opportunities for alumni and nontraditional students, check the Web at [www.ohio.edu/lifelong/](http://www.ohio.edu/lifelong/) or call Ohio University's Division of Lifelong Learning at (740) 593-2890. Dwight Woodward, BA '81, MAIA '89, MSJ '89, is senior writer for University Media Services.



Bill Sams on campus.

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## Campus connection spurs travel pact

By Emily Caldwell

**J**ennifer McCracken Lewis describes herself as a contest prize pig. Rachel Kayla, on the other hand, never wins anything.

Lewis, 36, travels all the time. Until last spring, Kayla, 23, had never set foot on a plane. Lewis hails from Putnam County, N.Y. Kayla is a native of Canton, Ohio.



Jennifer Lewis, left, and Rachel Kayla.

They don't have much in common — or so it seems. But their interest in seeing pop singer Enrique Iglesias perform drew them to a Columbus radio station contest in March, and their quick discovery of their shared

alma mater created an instant bond.

"Within five minutes of meeting Rachel and learning she went to OU, it was just boom — fast friends," says Lewis, BSC '86.

So fast, in fact, that as they waited for the contest to begin, Lewis and Kayla made a pact: If one of them won the grand prize trip to Los Angeles, she'd take the other with her.

"I thought we had better odds going in if we buddied up," Lewis explains. Both were single women vying with about a dozen others for a trip across the country in just a week's time. Casual conversation had evolved into nostalgia about Ohio University and Athens. The women clicked. The deal made perfect sense.

"I'm kind of adventurous that way," says Kayla, BSJ '99.

Minutes later, Lewis picked the winning contest number. Staffers at WNCI, the sponsoring station, were so impressed by the unconventional travel arrangement that they interviewed the winners on the air.

Once in L.A., Lewis and Kayla attended a taping of two shows of "Farmclub.com," a USA Network music program that featured Iglesias and several other acts, and took in some sights. But the fondest memory they share is of the friendship they forged in the unlikely of settings.

They maintain that bond around their busy jobs: Kayla is marketing communications coordinator for the Ohio Society of CPAs and Lewis is product manager of online services for Cardinal Health.

"And it all started with that OU connection," Kayla says.

Emily Caldwell, BSJ '88 and MSJ '99, lives in Columbus.





William Sprague on a medical service trip to Papua New Guinea in 1992.

## On call around the globe

### Retired physician's caring service earns him prestigious AMA award

By Alice Sachs

**F**or 38 years, Dr. William Sprague has traveled to the world's poorest and most conflict-ridden countries — from refugee camps on the Afghanistan border to villages devastated by famine and civil war in southern Sudan — to provide medical care and help fight disease.

Those decades of volunteer service were recognized late last year by the American Medical Association when Sprague was presented with the prestigious Benjamin Rush Award for Citizenship and Community Service. Given annually to one physician, the award commended Sprague for his years of medical service in international and domestic hardship areas.

"I don't try to be a martyr," says Sprague, BS '48, an obstetrician and gynecologist who has served on medical missions to Central and South America, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. "As a physician, I have the training to provide medical care to people in need.

I'm there to do a job."

Sprague, 76, grew up in Athens and returns occasionally to visit his brother, fellow physician Dr. Ted Sprague, BS '41. He credits his sense of service to the example set by his father, a family doctor whose patients sometimes were too poor to pay for medical care. But it wasn't until he found himself in the South Pacific during World War II that Sprague decided to become a doctor.

"Combat made a pacifist out of me," he says. "I promised that if I got out alive, I would become a doctor because then I would have the opportunity to bring healing to people of all races and religions."

After the war, Sprague returned to Athens and completed his undergraduate studies. It was here he met his future wife, Norma Kodes Sprague, BS '50.

"There were lots of war veterans at the university and a strong sense of camaraderie," Sprague recalls. "We'd been through hell but were determined to put it

behind us and get on with our lives."

Sprague went on to complete a medical degree at Ohio State and in 1960 joined a private practice in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he worked until his retirement in 1998. He first volunteered to travel abroad in 1962 as part of a medical mission to Nicaragua and later

spent much of his annual vacation leave in the world's most troubled regions. He also has worked on health projects serving Native American populations in the United States and continues to volunteer at a health clinic in Grand Rapids.

Sprague's recent passion has been to help eradicate polio, a global campaign sponsored by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, Rotary International and others. Since 1987, he has traveled to China, Egypt, India and Cambodia to assist with vaccination programs. In the last 13 years, the number of polio cases worldwide has dropped from 350,000 to 6,000.

"My husband is shy and doesn't talk too much about his work," says Norma Sprague, who often travels with her husband. "But his involvement with the polio eradication program means a lot to him. He tells me he wants to hang in there long enough to see it disappear."

Sprague recently returned from Sudan and may be headed to Somalia before the year's out.

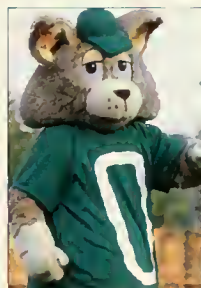
"As long as my health stays good, I'll just try to do the best I can," he says.

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# Homecoming 2000

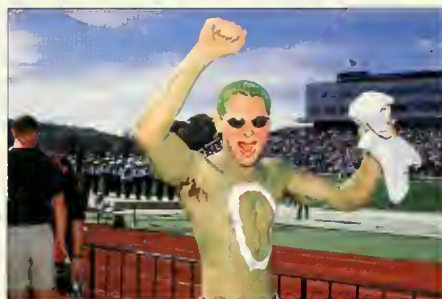
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**Puttin' it together!**

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"Puttin' it together" represents what Ohio University does every fall to prepare for thousands of alumni who return for Homecoming. This year, the university has put together an exciting lineup of activities, including social gatherings, the annual parade and a football game pitting the Ohio Bobcats against Central Michigan. Alumni play their part in putting it together by making the trek to Athens to see old friends and relive memories.



## HOMECOMING PREVIEW

### Monday, Oct. 16

- Rolling Stone Unleashed, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Tuesday, Oct. 17

- Intramural games, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 19

- Yell Like Hell Rally, Baker Center, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 20

- President Robert Glidden's State of the University Address, 194 Irvine Hall, 3 p.m.
- Taste of Court Street, 4-8 p.m.
- Alumni Awards Banquet, Nelson Commons (invitation only), 6 p.m.
- Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert Roulette, Court Street, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 21

- College coffees and Thomas Ewing Breakfast, Baker Center, 8-10 a.m.
- Parade and float competition, East State

Street to Convocation Center, 10 a.m.

- Big Top Extravaganza, Tailgate Park, noon.
- Band reunion, near Aquatic Center, noon.
- Ohio vs. Central Michigan football game, 2 p.m. Call (740) 593-1300 for tickets.
- Chicago Comedy Company, Memorial Auditorium, 7 p.m. For tickets, call (740) 593-1780.
- 24th annual Black Student Cultural Programming Board Homecoming Coronation Pageant/Dinner, Baker Center, 7 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 22

- Breakfast with the Bobcat and other "Bobs," Ohio University Inn, 7:30-10 a.m. For reservations, (740) 593-4300.
- Architecture Walk, Haning Hall, 1-5 p.m.
- Violinist Hilary Hahn, Memorial Auditorium, 3 p.m. Tickets, (740) 593-1780.

Activities subject to change. Check the Web at [www.ohiou.edu/Homecoming/](http://www.ohiou.edu/Homecoming/)





# Association honors outstanding alumni

## Ten to be singled out at Homecoming 2000

The Ohio University Alumni Association annually honors alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the university. Here's a look at the 10 individuals who will receive awards Oct. 20 during Homecoming Weekend festivities.

### Alumnus of the Year

#### Charles R. Emrick Jr.

Dedication and drive have been hallmarks in the life and career of Charles R. Emrick Jr., and Ohio University certainly has been one of the biggest beneficiaries.

Emrick, BSC '51 and MSJ '52, recently retired as senior partner in the Cleveland law firm of Calfee, Halter and Grissold, where he enjoyed a 35-year career. He is now a senior vice president and director of The TransAction Group investment banking firm.

A member of the Ohio University Board of Trustees since 1992, and its chairman in 1996-97, Emrick is a loyal advocate for the university. He has served on the Ohio University Foundation board since 1990, was an active volunteer during the university's Third Century Campaign and continues to play a key role in development efforts.

Emrick received the Alumni Association's Medal of Merit in 1993 and has been recognized as an outstanding alumnus by the College of Business. He and his wife, Elizabeth, BSJ '52, have endowed four Cutler scholarships and established a perpetual merit scholarship in journalism. As a student, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, worked at *The Post* and *Athena* and served as chairman of J Prom.

"I view this honor with pride

and great pleasure," Emrick says. "It is an honor and a privilege to be a member of the Ohio University family and to serve it."

In addition to his work for Ohio University, he is a member of the Ohio Judicial Review Committee, which selects candidates for federal judgeships. He also has been vice chair of the Cleveland Zoological Society; vice president of an American Cancer Society chapter; trustee of the Rocky River Public Library; member of Cleveland State University Law School's Visiting Committee; and adjunct professor of business law at Baldwin Wallace College. Emrick also has served on the boards of more than 30 companies.

He and Elizabeth have two children and four grandchildren and live in Westlake, Ohio.

### Medals of Merit

#### William A. Dillingham

William A. Dillingham, BBA '71, says his Ohio University student experience gave him the confidence to accomplish anything in life. Now president of Buckeye Business Products Inc. and Aspen Imaging in Cleveland, Dillingham has used his conviction to achieve business success and contribute to his alma mater.

Through the years, he's been active as a member of the Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees and contributed time to various university campaigns and development efforts for Athletics and the Green and White Club in Cleveland. He also helps student-athletes find summer jobs and visits campus to interact with College of Business students.

Dillingham has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio University Alumni Association and has been involved with the association's Board of Directors. While a student, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

"My fondest Ohio University memory is of the wonderful people, especially my fraternity brothers," he says.

He and his wife, Barbara LaVine, reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He is an active participant in the Cleveland Cancer Society, the Cleveland Jaycees, the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Cleveland Men's Club.

#### Peter T. Lalich Sr.

Peter T. Lalich Sr., BSCOM '42, has helped build support among Ohio University graduates. He was instrumental in the organization of the Konneker Golf Klassic and the development of the Gulf Coast Alumni Chapter. He is a founding member of the Inn Group, a 200-member organization of pre-WWII alumni who return each year for Homecoming.

"I've enjoyed my alumni involvement much more than I ever expected," he says. "My college days were a very special time in my life."



Lalich, retired regional vice president of Western-Southern Life Insurance Co., has served on the Ohio University Alumni Association Board of Directors and was presented with the association's Distinguished Service Award in 1986. A member of the university's baseball team as a student, Lalich now is a member of the Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame. He also is known for keeping the National Basketball League alive by

organizing a Cleveland franchise in the 1940s. He also is a member of the Ohio University Trustees' Academy.

Besides contributing time to his alma mater, Lalich passed his enthusiasm for Ohio University to his sons, Peter Lalich Jr., BSed '66 and MED '67, and Todd Lalich, BSed '73. He and his wife, Alyce, live in Spring Hill, Fla.

#### Karol A. Ondick

Karol A. Ondick, BS '55, is proud he chose Ohio University as a student and is excited his alma mater has invited him to give back to campus. Ondick, retired vice president of engineering at



Systems Research Laboratories in Dayton, has served on several Ohio University boards and helped promote the university in the Dayton area.

"Ohio University represents an outstanding educational buy for students seeking a quality education, particularly in engineering, business and communications," he says. "I enjoy returning to campus as an alumnus to visit with faculty and friends."

Ondick is a member of the Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors for the Russ College of Engineering and Technology. Last year, the college recognized him as a distinguished graduate.

He is active in the Dayton Engineers Club, the Safety and Flight Equipment Association, the Order of Life Support Dinosaurs, the AMVETS Post 444 and Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. He also has served as an Ohio Athletic Association youth and high school soccer referee and was inducted into the Dayton Fast Pitch Softball Hall



of Fame. He and his wife, Jo Ann, live in Enon, Ohio, and are the parents of a son, Colin.

### Harry W. White

Harry W. White's motto is "Once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat," which explains the alumnus' enduring ties to campus.

White, AB '69, is a Belmont County judge and partner at Banker & White law firm in St. Clairsville. He is a member of the Ohio University Foundation



Board of Trustees and the Eastern Campus' Coordinating Council, and has served on the Alumni Association's

Board of Directors. He enjoys recruiting top students for Ohio University and attending university athletic and cultural events. In 1998, he was voted Alumnus of the Year by the Political Science Department.

"The university has both warmed and enlightened my journey through life thus far, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help keep its fires burning for future generations," he says.

White and his wife, Carolyn Sue, BSN '86, live in St. Clairsville, where he is an active participant in the Sunrise Rotary Club and Christ the King Lutheran Church. They have two daughters, Shelley, an Ohio University junior, and Sara.

### Honorary Alumnus Awards

#### Ralph S. Izard

With a career in journalism education that has spanned four continents and almost as many decades, Ralph S. Izard remains impressed

with the quality education Ohio University offers.

An emeritus professor of journalism, Izard served on the faculty from 1966 to 1998 and as director of the

E.W. Scripps School of Journalism from 1986 to 1998. He founded the School of Journalism's Society of Alumni and Friends and coordinated the school's role in the Third Century Campaign.

"I have found working at Ohio University during a period of significant growth to be exciting," Izard says. "I delight as I travel in finding successful former students in media positions all around the world. Students — and graduates — are Ohio University."

Since his retirement in 1998, Izard has coordinated the international initiative on journalism education for The Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan, international foundation dedicated to free press and free speech, and served until August as editor of New York publications for The Freedom Forum Online. He is the recipient of many prestigious journalism awards.

He and his wife, Janet, have a daughter. They live in Athens.

#### Larry E. McHale

Larry E. McHale has become a Bobcat by association thanks to his wife, Sheila, AB '68, and stepson Scott Seifert, BFA '92.

"This is the most unexpected and exciting honor of my life," McHale says. "Sheila and I have been increasingly involved in Ohio University for 20 years and we truly love it."

McHale's involvement has been a boon for the

university as well, particularly the College of Business. He is among the founding principals of The Sales Centre, the Sales Certificate and the Professional Sales Advisory Board, and meets regularly with business professionals and faculty to further sales program initiatives. He also is a member of the Trustees' Academy and the College of Business' Executive Advisory Board, and has assisted with university fund-raising work.

McHale is chief operating officer for the RA Staff Co., an international sales company dedicated to specifying parts for use in automobiles and appliances.

McHale lives in Aurora, Ohio.



### Distinguished Service Awards

#### Heidi L. Tracy

Heidi L. Tracy, BSJ '89, understands the importance of connecting with the university and is



working to ensure that future generations of alumni stay in touch with their alma mater.

As assistant dean for development in the

College of Communication, a position she has held since 1997, Tracy works with faculty and alumni to develop innovative programming initiatives and then to secure the funding necessary to make them a reality. She held an identical position in the College of Education from 1995 to 1997.

"My hope is that we will be able to demonstrate to a larger number of alumni that Ohio University is a lifetime experience," she says. "There is always something to be learned and gained by an affiliation with it."

In addition to being an Ohio University staff member and active alumna, Tracy serves as a student mentor and has received an Excellence in Advising award from the Mortar Board honor society. She also is a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Tracy lives in Athens.

### Charles and Claire Ping Recent Graduate Awards

#### Deborah W. Burke

Ask Deborah W. Burke to share some memories from her college days and she has trouble narrowing the list to just a few "out of 6 million."

"The university provided me an environment where I learned



academic lessons, made and developed my closest friendships and was encouraged to pursue dreams," says Burke, BSCE '85. "It is

amazing to me to be honored for doing nothing more than being

grateful for my college education and loving my college and university."

Burke — who counts among fellow alumni her husband, four sisters, a brother-in-law, her mother-in-law, an uncle and a cousin — assists with the Women in Engineering and Technology summer program and is a member of the Russ College of Engineering and Technology's Minority Advisory Council.

While a student, she served as a graduate engineering research associate, a Precollege adviser and a resident adviser.

Promoted in March to the position of construction services manager for Columbia Gas of Ohio, which she joined 11 years ago, Burke oversees the company's construction activities statewide. She also has been active in fund raising for Doctors Hospital in Columbus.

Burke resides in New Albany, Ohio, with her husband, Bill, who is chair of the Ohio University Alumni Association, and two children.

#### Patricia A. Pae

Patricia A. Pae, BBA '90, believes her Ohio University experience helped her to lay the groundwork for the moral, ethical and professional attributes that have contributed to her personal and professional accomplishments.

"My hope is through continued alumni support and the efforts of professors and staff that the university will continue to be a key contributor and influence in regard to tomorrow's leaders," she says.

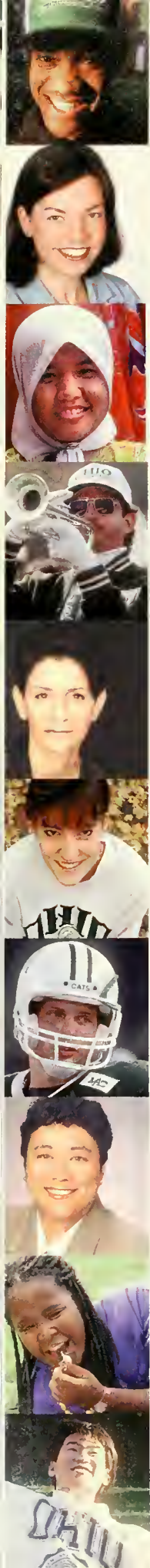
Pae, an e-business solutions consultant for New Legacy Solutions in Independence, Ohio, is active in the Ohio University Women's Club of Greater Cleveland, the Greater Cleveland Alumni Chapter and the Society of Alumni and Friends for the College of Business.

She is an avid tennis player who competes in United States Tennis Association leagues.

"I am truly humbled to be recognized with this award," she says. "Realizing the possible candidates among all the other alumni who are just as deserving is a testament to the programs provided by the university."

She and her husband, James Pae, live in Aurora, Ohio.





# A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Ohio University Alumni Association recognizes graduates who have provided exemplary service to the university or benefited from the educational background they received on campus. We invite you to nominate worthy individuals for Alumni Association awards or appointment to the association's Board of Directors. If you wish to make a nomination, check the appropriate box next to the descriptions that follow and fill out the form below.

- ☐ **Alumnus/Alumna of the Year:** Alumni who have distinguished themselves and who have previously received the Medal of Merit or Distinguished Service Award.
- ☐ **Medal of Merit:** Alumni who have achieved distinction in their chosen fields.
- ☐ **Honorary Alumnus/Alumna:** Individuals who have provided outstanding service to Ohio University through careers at the institution or contact with students, faculty or staff.
- ☐ **Distinguished Service Award:** Alumni who have supported Ohio University and the Alumni Association through alumni chapters, clubs, alumni societies or organizations.
- ☐ **Charles J. and Claire O. Ping Recent Graduate Award:** Alumni who have graduated in the last 15 years and have retained an active interest in the university. They must be community leaders whose college education has been a factor in their success.
- ☐ **Alumni Association Board of Directors:** Members serve as advisers to and advocates for Ohio University and work closely with the University Advancement staff on behalf of university objectives and college fund-raising activities.

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 15, 2001. Please complete this nomination form or submit qualified individuals' names for further research by the Alumni Association.

To preserve your issue of *Ohio Today*, you may return a photocopy of this form.

Name of nominee

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First

Middle

Home address

Street

City

State

ZIP

Phone

Home

Work

E-mail

Name of person submitting nomination

Date submitted

Mailing address

Street

City

State

ZIP

Phone

Home

Work

E-mail

I hereby nominate the individual as named. As the nominator I certify, to the best of my ability, that the information I am providing is accurate. Furthermore, I believe that if selected, the individual whom I have nominated would be a worthy recipient.

Signature

Please provide any other information you believe is pertinent in evaluating this person. You may attach supplemental information relevant to the nomination, such as a resume, media articles and letters of recommendation. Send nominations to:

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# FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



## Class of 2000 forever linked

The Ohio University Alumni Association has presented the Class of 2000 with a gift that keeps on giving — and receiving. The new graduates were the first recipients of E-Mail for Life, a service that allows them to use their Ohio University e-mail address indefinitely.

Grads can forward their *ohio.edu* address to an outside account, meaning they won't have the hassle of circulating a change-of-e-mail address to friends and family. Alumni Association staff hope the e-mail service encourages school spirit and reminds graduates of their alma mater.

"We want to be the alumni association of the future and this is a major step in that direction," Executive Director of Alumni Relations Ralph Amos says.

To use the free service, graduates simply log on to the university's e-mail maintenance page at [www.cns.ohiou.edu/email](http://www.cns.ohiou.edu/email) to update their online directory entry.

Amos says the association hopes to make the service available to all alumni in the future. And within a year, alumni should be able to purchase Ohio University paraphernalia, view geographical breakdowns of graduates, register for alumni events and correspond with chapters via the Web.

## Watch for your reunion

The Class of 1975 Silver Reunion is planned for Sept. 15 through 17, and the Class of 1990 reunion is scheduled for Oct. 6 through 8. Events in 2001 include the Black Alumni Reunion May 18 through 20 and the Class of 1951 reunion June 15 through 17. For more information on upcoming reunions, contact the Ohio University Alumni Association at (740) 593-4300 or [alumni@ohio.edu](mailto:alumni@ohio.edu).



Carol Perine, BSED '58, left, and Jerry Kindsvatter, BS '57, share a laugh with Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Judith Johnson during a cookout that kicked off Alumni College 2000 this summer.

Rick Falco

## Participants give Alumni College rave reviews

By Michael Murphy

Alumni College returned this summer after a three-year hiatus, drawing 40 alumni to campus for activities that enriched their minds, exercised their bodies and raised their spirits.

"I always enjoy reliving the college experience," said Gary West, BBA '68, of Columbus, a participant in the July program. "Every year the campus is more and more attractive."

Social aspects of Alumni College 2000 included a barbecue with jazz entertainment, a tour of area botanical gardens, and dinner and a play.

Among offerings of an educational nature, Jeff Chaddock, BSC '88, a personal financial adviser, offered a workshop on the financial market; medical professionals discussed the status of medical care; and Distinguished Professor of Economics Richard Vedder

and David C. Wilhelm, AB '77, president of a public strategies firm, weighed in on the 2000 political scene.

The program also involved participants' children and grandchildren.

"I had a great time this weekend," said Beth Nostrant, granddaughter of Ruth Nostrant, AB '49 and M.L.S. '82. "It was neat to be with my grandma as she remembered her time here."

Programming was coordinated by the Division of Lifelong Learning and the Alumni Association.

Michael Murphy, BSJ and BA '02, is the Student Alumni Board's alumni relations coordinator.



## Graduates return to campus after 50 years

Members of the Class of 1950 relived memories of the annual Alpha Xi Delta/Pi Beta Phi Powder Bowl, the rainy Homecoming game and the coed prom during the Golden Era Reunion in May.

Alumni participated in campus tours, a celebration dinner and a reception with Robert and René Glidden. The

class also honored three professors with Faculty Excellence Awards. Associate Professor of Political Science Ronald Hunt, Director of Teacher Education Ralph Martin and Associate Director of the School of Music Harold Robison each received \$1,500 in recognition of their passion for and dedication to teaching.

## Chapter leaders aspire to new heights

By Michael Murphy

**A**lumni leaders reconnected with campus and each other during the Aspire 2000 Alumni Chapter and Society Leaders Conference in June.

The theme of the Alumni Association event, attended by nearly 40 Ohio University chapter and society leaders throughout the nation, was to find new ways to effectively lead the university's 49 national and 12 international alumni chapters and 13 Societies of Alumni and Friends.

"The weekend was beneficial to the volunteers who attended," says Judith Johnson, assistant director, societies and campus relations. "Each year, we are faced with offering diverse programs for both our societies and chapters. The roundtable discussions in which the volunteers shared their ideas and solutions to problems proved to be the most beneficial, especially to newly formed groups."

Chapters sponsor a variety of activities for alumni to gather socially and stay abreast of Ohio University news. Societies provide information to alumni about activities and events in their respective colleges, schools and departments on campus.

Conference participants were encouraged to share stories of successful alumni events as well as challenges that face chapters and societies today.

"I was able to gain valuable information by sharing with other alumni," says Deanna Etling, BSED '92, treasurer of the Women's Club of Greater Cleveland. "The conference really sparked my enthusiasm for building our club and its programs."



Jennifer Highfield, BSC '94, (left) talks with Lanie Hollister, BS '94, during the leadership conference.

One highlight of the conference was a session on leadership development moderated by Associate Vice President for Administration Christine Taylor.

"Dr. Taylor really helped me understand how each of our personalities really can complement each other," Etling says. "It also made me see that our group functions so well because we have so many diverse personalities."

Other workshop highlights included a keynote address by Distinguished Alumnus David Wilhelm, AB '77, and a luncheon and discussion with President Robert Glidden.

Evening socials at Konneker Alumni Center offered opportunities for debating the future role of alumni chapters and reminiscing about college days.

"Reconnecting to the campus and each other was an important aspect of the weekend and was an added bonus for the alumni leaders in attendance," says Ralph Amos, assistant vice president and executive director of alumni relations. "The conference was a hands-on experience in chapter and society management and event planning."

Michael Murphy, BSJ and BA '02, is the Student Alumni Board's alumni relations coordinator.



## Class rings keep alma mater at hand

**O**hio University class rings are available to students or alumni who have completed at least 90 credit hours and achieved junior, senior or graduate standing. The ring's design, modeled after the university seal, is

copyrighted and is the only class ring officially recognized by Ohio University. Rings can be engraved with the owner's initials, degree, class year and a Bobcat paw print. Watches also are available.

For more information, call Milestone Traditions between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST weekdays at 1-800-355-1145.

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## Students build relationships with alumni

**S**tudent Alumni Board members forge relationships with Bobcats from all walks of life to help build ties between alumni and students. This academic year, the board will focus on making new alumni connections as well as implementing initiatives to benefit both students and the southeastern Ohio region.

The board is hosting its second annual Yell like Hell Pep Rally Oct. 19, the Thursday leading up to Homecoming. Last year's event drew more than 500 Bobcat supporters, and this year's rally promises to be an even bigger affair.

Students will kick off the Homecoming celebration at 7 p.m. in Baker University Center and then host a street party.

Board President Jeremy Neuhart sees the rally as one of the many ways to link alumni and students.

"It's important for us to bridge the gap between alumni and students," he says. "Through the expansion of our externship program and more involvement with alumni chapters and on-campus activities with alumni, we will push forward."

Students also are becoming more involved in community service. The Student Alumni Board has become a key player in the Ohio University Habitat for Humanity Coalition, part of the national nonprofit organization that builds affordable housing in partnership with low-income families. The coalition is working to raise more than \$40,000 to build homes in Athens County.

New Student Alumni Board executive members were elected for the 2000-01 year. They are Jeremy Neuhart, president; Melissa Groff, vice president; Matthew Ziegler, secretary; Erika Wenzke, treasurer; Michael Murphy, alumni relations coordinator; Christa Meyer, university events coordinator; Ashlea Kosikowski, philanthropy; Alicia Ghiz, internal activities coordinator; and James Kurtz, fund-raising coordinator.

—Michael Murphy

## Help students obtain work experience

Alumni can help Ohio University students get hands-on professional experience through externships sponsored by the Student Alumni Board, the Alumni Association and Career Services.

An externship is an interactive opportunity for students to pursue experience in their field of study by working in a professional setting during the winter intersession from late November through December. Opportunities range from a one-day shadow experience to a full-time position.

For more information on the externship program, call (740) 593-0398, e-mail [alumni@ohio.edu](mailto:alumni@ohio.edu) or visit the Web at [www.ohio.edu/~SAB/sab10externprogram.html](http://www.ohio.edu/~SAB/sab10externprogram.html)



A design from the back of a Student Alumni Board T-shirt.

## At Your Service

Ohio University Alumni Association membership is free and automatic for anyone who has completed at least one year of study at the university. Members develop personal and professional networks, impact the university and share in special savings and products. Here are some of the association's services:

**Recreational Services:** Allow alumni to use the Ping Student Recreation Center on a short- or long-term basis. Visit [www.ohiou.edu/recreation/ping/ping.htm](http://www.ohiou.edu/recreation/ping/ping.htm) on the Web for an interactive tour or call (740) 593-4300 for more information.

**Alumni Career Network:** Provides the opportunity to network with fellow alumni across the United States and around the world. Call (740) 593-4300.

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**Leadership Service:** Allows alumni to guide the strategic direction of the association. Call (740) 593-4300.

**Societies of Alumni and Friends:** Allow alumni to network with and support specific schools and colleges. Call (740) 593-4300.

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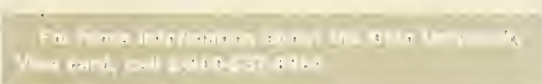
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### SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

## Visa helps university and you

The Ohio University Visa card benefits the university while offering many competitive features. The card provides a low fixed annual percentage rate for the first five months and then a subsequent reasonable interest rate; no annual fee; and a balance transfer option. Each time the Visa is used, the bank sponsoring the card makes a contribution to Ohio University to support alumni programs at no additional cost to cardholders.

Many parents have found it valuable to obtain the Visa card for their teen-age and college-age children. The card is useful in emergencies and helps young adults build their credit ratings. The card also benefits a Bobcat scholarship fund when used to purchase textbooks at Ohio University.



# IN GREEN & WHITE

NEWS FROM OHIO ATHLETICS



## Success is in the cards

Ohio Athletics serves more than 550 student-athletes involved in eight men's and ten women's sports. Last academic year, students competed in 22 states before some 500,000 spectators and could be seen on TV by 200 million households. Here's a look at fall teams (this page) and as those that will compete this winter and spring (opposite).

### Football

**Coach:** Jim Grobe

**Season:** Early September through November

**Coach's quote:** "Ohio Football is working to return to our winning ways of the 1960s. We are trying to build our program on a balance of success in the classroom and on the field."

**Notable success:** Four-straight winning seasons in MAC play to end the 1990s ... MAC Players of the Year (offensive and special teams) under Grobe ... Recently ranked 10th nationwide for graduation rate by NCAA ... National Champions in 1960.



### Soccer

**Coach:** Stacy Strauss

**Season:** Late August through November

**Coach's quote:** "We got off to a quick start, laying the groundwork for a solid program. We have all of the resources to remain among the best in the MAC and to gain national attention."

**Notable success:** Only a year after the program began, the 1998 team won the MAC regular-season title before falling in double overtime of the MAC Tournament championship game.



### Men's Cross country

**Coach:** Elmore Banton

**Season:** Early September through November

**Coach's quote:** "We are a young team trying to return our program to our tradition of success in the Mid-American Conference."

**Notable success:** Three MAC team championships, most recently in 1996 ... Four MAC individual champions ... Seven All-American selections ... As a student, Banton was national champion in 1964.



### Women's Cross country

**Coach:** Elmore Banton

**Season:** Early September through November

**Coach's quote:** "Ohio Women's Cross Country is consistently a leader in MAC competition and has had some success at the national level."

**Notable success:** Eight MAC team championships, all since 1987 under Banton ... Jackie Conrad earned All-America honors in 1998 ... Conrad and Melissa Converse were Academic All-Americans in 1998 and 1999.



### Volleyball

**Coach:** Mike Lessinger

**Season:** September through November

**Coach's quote:** "We're a contender in the always-competitive Mid-American Conference and we're building toward competing at the national level."

**Notable success:** A pair of 20-win seasons in the last five years ... Katie Mullen became the first Bobcat to earn first-team All-MAC honors in 1998.



### Field hockey

**Coach:** Shelly Morris

**Season:** Late August through November

**Coach's quote:** "Ohio Field Hockey is one of the up-and-coming programs in the nation, contending for the MAC crown annually and gaining national attention. With our new Astroturf field, we are better prepared for our competitive schedule."

**Notable success:** 1999 squad posted first winning season in six years and earned first national ranking after topping two ranked opponents.





## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Coach:** Lynn Bria

**Season:** Early November through March

**Notable success:** Eleven first-team All-MAC selections, including four-time honoree Caroline Mast, who was two-time Player of the Year, 1986 MAC Tournament MVP and an inductee into the MAC Hall of Fame ... Two NCAA Tournament appearances.



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Coach:** Larry Hunter

**Season:** Early November through mid-March

**Notable success:** Nine MAC championships, three MAC Tournament titles and 10 NCAA Tournament appearances ... 1994 Preseason NIT Champion ... Nine MAC Player of the Year selections, including the only three-time pick (Gary Trent in 1995-97).

## MEN'S TRACK

**Coach:** Elmore Banton

**Season:** February through May

**Notable success:** NCAA team champion in 1968 ... 27 All-Americans and five individual NCAA champions ... Matt Kinsey won MAC Championship in 400 hurdles in 1999.

## WOMEN'S TRACK

**Coach:** Elmore Banton

**Season:** February through May

**Notable success:** Three MAC team championships ... Five All-Americans ... Jackie Conrad was a two-time All-American in 10,000 meters and MAC Female Track Athlete of the Year in 1997.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

**Coach:** Ann Slater

**Season:** September through November and March through May

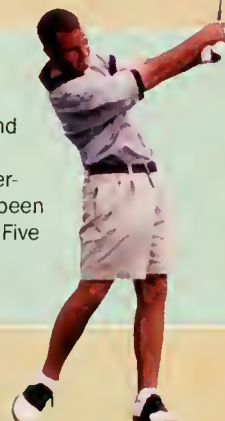
**Notable success:** Program began in the 1996-97 season ... In just its fourth season, the team won three tournaments, finishing in the top five in nine of 10 events ... Heather Fueger and Julee Sovesky both were medalists in two tournaments.

## MEN'S GOLF

**Coach:** Bob Cooley

**Season:** September through November and March through May

**Notable success:** A MAC-record 18 conference championships ... Ohio golfers have been honored as first-team All-MAC 33 times ... Five Academic All-Americans in the 1990s.



## LACROSSE

**Coach:** Anne Moelk

**Season:** March through May

**Notable success:** The program, suspended after the 1981 season, was revived in 1999 and played a shortened schedule ... The team began play on a new AstroTurf field in 2000.



## WRESTLING

**Coach:** Joel Greenlee

**Season:** November through March

**Notable success:** MAC-record 14 championships, including a string of seven-straight in the 1970s ... Four NCAA champions and 21 All-Americans ... 87 individual MAC champions ... Ranked in Top 10 in the nation academically in 1999.

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

**Coach:** Greg Werner

**Season:** November through March

**Notable success:** 148 individual champions in Mid-American Conference meets ... Claimed eighth team crown in 2000 after winning six in the 1990s ... 13 Swimmer or Diver of the Year honorees ... 12 NCAA All-Americans.

## MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

**Coach:** Greg Werner

**Season:** November through March

**Notable success:** 142 individual MAC champions and 12 All-Americans ... Eight team titles in MAC competition, the second-most in league history.

## SOFTBALL

**Coach:** Roanna Brazier

**Season:** February through May

**Notable success:** Won the MAC Tournament in 1995 to advance to NCAA Tournament ... 20 All-MAC selections in the 1990s, including four-time first-team selection Jen Morris.



## BASEBALL

**Coach:** Joe Carbone

**Season:** February through May

**Notable success:** MAC-record 14 regular-season titles to earn 14 trips to NCAA District or Regional competition ... 18 All-America selections ... 17 players in the Major Leagues, including Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt ... Opened Bob Wren Stadium in 1998.

## Follow the Bobcats on the Web

For up-to-date information on your favorite teams, check the Web at [www.ohiobobcats.com](http://www.ohiobobcats.com)

## In loving memory

A generous gift will pay tribute to donor's parents while enhancing the university's reputation in the study of contemporary history

By Mary Alice Casey

**R**oger and Edna Connor were mainstays of the Athens community for almost 40 years, active both on campus and in town, in the business world and on the social scene. In short, they're important figures in local 20th century history.

It seems fitting, then, that their only child chose to honor their dedication and the role they played in her life with a donation that will enhance the university's reputation in the study of the past century. Patricia "Pat" Connor Study has made a \$1 million contribution to establish the



Pat Connor Study

Connor-Study Chair in Contemporary History in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"My gift is a way of paying my respects to my parents," says Connor Study, BA '48. "It recognizes my family's active role in the Athens community and the extent to which my education at Ohio University has positively shaped my life."

The Connors moved to Athens about 1930 when Connor Study's father accepted a post as vice president of The McBee Co., where he worked until retiring in 1962. A close friend of former Ohio University President John Baker, Roger Connor lectured in the College of Business for many years and never was short on advice for aspiring business majors.

"He would help them decide what they wanted to do with their future," Connor Study recalls,

noting that she often heard from others about the sound counsel her father provided and how he would pick up students' soda fountain tabs at the old Quick's Drug Store.

Both Roger and Edna Connor were active with the local Red Cross during the '30s and '40s as well as with the Athens Episcopal church. Edna Connor, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio University as a young mother, also helped organize the Community Concert Series that brought visiting musicians and artists to Memorial Auditorium.

Connor Study majored in math and minored in English at the university, graduating cum laude in 1948. Shortly after graduation, she took a job in Chicago, where she later met her husband, Dr. Robert Smith Study, who would go on to become a respected psychoanalyst. The Studys were married for 42 years and raised two daughters, Jane Horton and Louis Lefkow, both of whom still live in the Chicago area with their own children. Robert Study passed away in 1996.

A community activist, volunteer and accomplished real estate broker in Chicago's "Gold Coast" neighborhood, Connor Study attributes much of her success to the example and guidance of her father.

"He made things happen in

Athens," she says. "I am still active in civic projects that involve my neighborhood. It's really just a replay of what Roger Connor did in Athens, Ohio."

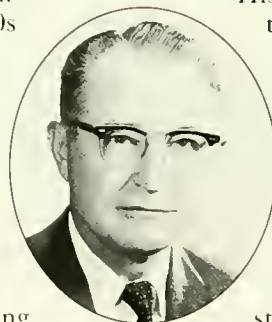
In a similar way, the Connor-Study Chair in Contemporary History will help make great things happen for Ohio University, says College of Arts and Sciences Dean Leslie Flemming.

"This chair will allow us to maintain and even enhance our national visibility by helping us recruit an outstanding faculty member in this area, a higher quality person than we would be able to recruit if we were working with university funds alone," Flemming says.

The new faculty member will be an accomplished scholar and teacher who is able to mentor both graduate and undergraduate students. His or her emphasis will be on 20th century American intellectual history.

The endowment reflects the university's prominence in the study of post-World War I history, both through the Department of History — which offers a focused doctoral program on the period — and the Contemporary History Institute. The department's 25 faculty members provide instruction for about 200 undergraduate history majors and 50 master's and doctoral students.

Mary Alice Casey is editor of Ohio Today.





# Rising star discovers untapped market

By Corinne Colbert

**K**elsey August had been out of college only two years when she had a vision.

While working for a publishing firm in Austin, Texas, she realized that the city lacked a good direct mail house. Lucky for her, one of her favorite classes at Ohio University covered direct marketing. So she borrowed \$55,000 from her father to launch Lone Star Direct, a mailing list database management service that later ventured into high-end direct marketing and fulfillment services.

"I had no idea what I was getting myself into," says August, BBA '91, the company's owner and CEO. "It was just another adventure, and I was really excited about the opportunity."

The adventure has offered a wild

ride: The company has grown more than 600 percent since 1993. Lone Star Direct made *Inc.* magazine's "Inc. 500" list last year and was 26th on the "Inc. Inner City 100" list this year.

As her star rises, August is taking along her 40 employees, many of whom — including her three top executives — are mothers who began working for Lone Star Direct part time after raising their children. Others are making the transition from welfare to work. The company offers extensive employee development options, including paid instruction for the high school equivalency test and computer training.

August is adamant that her company's purpose is to serve not only clients, but also employees. It's a con-

viction she's taking to other firms through a new Web site, [workplacetoolbox.com](http://workplacetoolbox.com), which is dedicated to improving corporate culture.

"I feel like I need to do something to serve my country, and this is how I can do it," she says.

A longtime supporter of Ohio University, she's also committed to serving her alma mater. In fact, her company's Web site, [www.lonestardirect.com](http://www.lonestardirect.com), features a link to the university's front door.

"Even when I was starting out, I loved getting those phone calls from OU, and I gave what I could," she says. "Ohio University was the best experience I ever had. I couldn't imagine not supporting the university that made me what I am."

*Corinne Colbert, B.SJ '87, MA '93, is an Ohio Today contributing writer.*



Kelsey August

## TRUSTEES' ACADEMY



**Trustees' Academy membership offers an opportunity to shape the accomplishments of Ohio University by pledging financial support to ensure the university's future. Here is a list of new members and their gift designations.**

### PRESIDENT'S CABINET

(\$1,000,000-\$4,999,999 cash/  
\$3,000,000-\$14,999,999 deferred)

- SDRC Education Consortium, Industrial Technology

### JOHN C. BAKER COUNCIL

(\$100,000 cash/\$300,000 deferred)

- Boster, Kobayashi and Associates, Physics and Astronomy
- John E. Denti, '70, Environmental and Plant Biology
- Marilyn Estep, College of Arts and Sciences
- Andy and Sandy Ross, Russ College of Engineering and Technology
- Charles Stuckey Jr., '66, and Marilyn Stuckey, Charles and Marilyn Stuckey Jr. Professorship
- Yolanda I. Molnar, '45, and Marc Brutten, Yolanda Molnar Dance Scholarship

### WILLIAM H. MCGUFFEY FELLOWS

(\$50,000 cash/\$150,000 deferred)

- Applied Innovation Inc., McClure School of Communication Systems Management
- Julius R. and Ruth Bozman, J.R. Bozman Tutoring Endowment
- H. James, '68, and Tamara Sells Litten, Peden Stadium Expansion
- Lee D., '78, and Karen Marshall, Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium and Endowment for the Arts Fund

### WILLIAM H. SCOTT CIRCLE

(\$25,000 cash/\$75,000 deferred)

- Thomas B., '64, and Gwen J. McConaughy, McConaughy Art Scholarship

### MARGARET BOYD SOCIETY

(\$15,000 cash/\$45,000 deferred)

- Dr. Helen M. Clark, '56, College of Fine Arts
- R. Marcia Gould, Donald and Darlene Stuchell Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Ronald L., '60, and Barbara J. Patrick, Ronald L. Patrick Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Marty, '85, and Ann, '86, Paulins, School of Human and Consumer Sciences and Ice Hockey Club Student Aid
- Margaret Schuette, Margaret Schuette Dance Scholarship
- George Sherman, Scott McPherson Writing Award
- Dr. Robert K. Stewart, Leipzig Fellowships
- Matthew Sweeney, '93, and Tanya

Conrath, '93, Peden Stadium and Softball Stadium Projects

- Drs. James Y. and Harriet P., '71, Tong, James and Harriet Tong Scholarship
- Joanne S. Utley, '79, Alumni Association Visiting Professorship, Madeline L. Utley Scholarship and Vern N. Utley Scholarship
- Diana (Lewis), '68, '70, and Joseph Walters, School of Music addition, baseball scoreboard and Alumni Relations

## NOTABLE GIFT COMMITMENTS

- John A. Cassese, '76, '79, \$250,000, School of Interpersonal Communication
- Jeffery D. Chaddock, '88, \$100,000, Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium
- Anonymous, \$250,000, College of Arts and Sciences
- William A. Dillingham, '71, \$500,000, Peden Stadium Project
- Robert E., '61, and Marie E. Kraft, \$282,000, Russ College of Engineering and Technology
- Steven L., '67, and Barbara J. Schoonover, \$150,000, College of Communication
- Paul W. Springer, \$150,000, undesignated
- Charles R. Stuckey Jr., '66, and Marilyn Stuckey, \$250,000, Russ College of Engineering and Technology



## Exposing the pain of divorce

**J**eanie Adams-Smith used to watch people's lives unfold within the photos she edited at *The Chicago Tribune*. But three years ago, when she became a wife and stepmom, she decided to take on a project that's put her behind the camera and in front of an issue very important to her — children of divorce.

The newspaper photo editor took a one-year leave from her job and came to Ohio University in September 1999 as a Knight Fellow, focusing her time on earning a master's degree and documenting how divorce affects children.

"Being a stepmom was a pretty big adjustment for me," says Adams-Smith, 33. "I realized that divorce is a subject that hits so many people, and it started sinking in that a lot of kids go through the pain of divorce."

That's when she began searching for families willing to have their lives exposed in black and white. Using references from court officials and counselors, Adams-Smith found nearly 30 families in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska

who agreed to open their homes to her.

She became the silent observer of meals, birthday parties and the often heart-wrenching exchanges of children between parents.

"The families soon forget you're there and you can get real moments," she says. "Sometimes I'd stay for hours, but the payoff is a

real insight into daily life. Photography is all about showing things that people ordinarily don't see."

Through her "visual research," Adams-Smith began noticing similar characteristics among many of the children. Often, she says, children of divorce take on more

responsibility within the family, especially kids in single-parent homes.

"Children of divorce have to fend for themselves more and take care of younger siblings," she says. "They also end up living out of a suitcase much of the time. It's difficult for them."

Adams-Smith hopes to finish the project by December and begin looking



Jeanie Adams-Smith



Five-year-old Paige Green of Woodstock, Ill., spends her first birthday without her father since her parents' divorce.

for publishers. She wants to print more than 100 pages of photos, all taken in black and white because the stark format allows readers to see "people's faces, their eyes and emotion."

In the meantime, she's photo editing again at *The Chicago Tribune* while considering a career in teaching — and building on her relationship with her stepdaughter, 12-year-old Alexandra.

"This project has allowed me to have more time to focus on my own situation," she says. "Being away from my husband and stepdaughter for a year, I realize how important communication is."

—Melissa Rake

## Making music that matters

**O**hio University staff member and alumna Lisa Hill has been making music a career for 10 years, but only recently has she had the opportunity to get back to her musical roots.

"I'm going to relax and write music," says Hill, a records clerk for the School of Hearing, Speech and

Language Sciences who earned a bachelor's degree in August.

Her recently released compact disc, "Music Box," contains 16 original songs and is receiving air-time across the nation and

in Germany. Her next CD, "New Day" — expected to be released in October — is filled with listener-requested songs from her perfor-

mances in the duo Prairie Orchid.

A native of Fairfield, Ohio, Hill grew up idolizing musical artists Bonnie Raitt, John Prine and Joni Mitchell and describes her work as "folk music with a country flair."

Her recently released third cassette, "Kindred Spirits," is especially dear to her. It is a compilation of childhood songs performed with her mother, Alberta Roberts. During the recording, Hill's mother was suffering from undiagnosed lung cancer. She died in 1998.

Hill also uses her talent to help heal the hearts of children afflicted with terminal cancer by writing songs with them at Ohio State University's James Cancer Hospital.

—Josie Rossi and Jessica George



## Bobcat stars in 'Coyote'

**M**ost of Piper Perabo's college friends and professors aren't surprised to hear that the Ohio University grad has broken into Hollywood. But they're shocked by how fast she's done it. Just two years after graduating summa cum laude, Perabo, 23, is showing up in magazines and on late-night talk shows to promote her leading role in the movie "Coyote Ugly," released in August.

After moving to New York City post-graduation, the theater major took a job as a waitress and began auditioning. Her big break came when she was hired as the sidekick to Rocky and Bullwinkle in their summer movie. In "Coyote Ugly," she plays a rowdy bartender from New Jersey, her real home state.



Piper Perabo



# Alumni authors

## Memoir documents family triumphs, tragedies

Carol Walker Bouldin, BSED '68, tells the story of life's ups and downs within her close-knit Cincinnati family in *"Four Angels at Your Bed"* (\$13.95, paperback, Morris Publishing). The personal tale, which focuses on three generations of women — Bouldin's mother; her Aunt Minnie; her sister, Marsha; and her daughter, Kim — documents everything from the birth



Carol Walker Bouldin

of Bouldin's first grandchild to a death within the family.

"The family went through an emotional roller coaster," says Bouldin, a retired teacher. "It was such a happy, exuberant time for my family and then it went downhill, one event after another."

Bouldin's writings weren't meant for publication, but a friend gave a section of her memoir to a book editor who was touched by the author's words and wanted to see more.

"The book has been a way to release what was inside," she says.

The book's title refers to a strange prayer announced over the intercom at Good Samaritan Hospital, where Aunt Minnie got Bouldin a summer job as a nurse's aide while in college. Bouldin mentions the prayer twice, once while describing her hospital work and again as a way to conclude the book:

*Four Angels at Your Bed,  
Two to Foot and Two to Head,  
Four to Carry You  
When You Are Dead.  
Good Night!*

## Other books by alumni

"Mother Teresa, Called to Love" by Maryanne Raphael, BA '59, (\$14.95, paperback, Sky Blue Press). Raphael documents her experiences doing missionary work in Mexico, California and New York with the late Mother Teresa,

whose legacy of serving the poor is known throughout the world. "Helping Mother Teresa was an unforgettable experience. She saw God in each person she met, and she helped us to see God in ourselves and in one another."

"Where the Roots Reach for Water: A Personal and Natural History of Melancholia" by Jeffery Smith, AB '84, (\$24, hardback, North Point Press). Smith describes his personal bout with depression and how, rather than continuing to take antidepressants, he gets at the root of the disease by studying its history. "I had no sense that other cultures and other historical periods thought of it in ways very different, so I started to wonder if perhaps it did have some place in the natural order and some cultural meaning, too."



"Surge" by Matthew Cooperman, PHD '98, (\$4.75, paperback, Kent State University Press). Using poetry to reflect society's search for a cohesive American identity, Cooperman addresses the question of one's place in life, community and family. "As a kid you just live in a place — it's automatic. Only when you leave home it is that you understand where you're from."



"Too Close to the Falls" by Catherine Gildiner, AB '70, (\$18.95, paperback, ECW Press). Gildiner's memoir reflects her life, physically and emotionally, growing up near Niagara Falls. The book depicts her unusual childhood in Lewiston, N.Y., where she was assigned the job of being her father's pill counter at his pharmacy when she was 4 years old. She describes what it's like having a lot of responsibility and freedom as a child. "With that freedom comes trepidation. Emotionally, I was too close to the edge."



— Elizabeth Alessio

## 'Algernon' lives on

Daniel Keyes says he's never had writer's block — an assertion he's lived up to in the 34 years since he wrote his first book, the acclaimed *"Flowers for Algernon."*

Earlier this year, the Ohio University professor emeritus of English published *"Algernon, Charlie and I"* (\$24.95, hardback, Challerest Press), an autobiography and companion book to his original novel, which tells the story of a mentally handicapped man and a mouse who increase their intelligence to genius levels through science. A television version of *"Flowers for Algernon"* aired on CBS in February. "Charly," a major motion picture based on the book, was released in 1968 and earned Cliff Robertson the Academy Award for Best Actor.

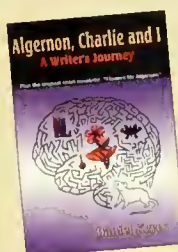
"As a kid, I was a storyteller, and I've always wanted to write," said Keyes, 73, the author of three novels (he's at work on a fourth) and four nonfiction books. "Writing has been my entire life. It is an act of discovery, a creative act."

Keyes, who taught creative writing at Ohio University from 1966 to 1992, holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in literature and remains fascinated with "the mind in conflict with itself." While in Athens, he had just written *"The Fifth Sally,"* the first novel to deal with multiple personality disorder, when fate intervened — he met Billy Milligan.

Then a patient at the Athens Mental Health Center, Milligan — the first person ever acquitted of major crimes after being diagnosed with multiple personality disorder — had read *"Flowers for Algernon"* and asked Keyes to write his story. *"The Minds of Billy Milligan,"* published in 1981, quickly became an international bestseller. It was especially popular in Japan, where its sequel, *"The Milligan Wars,"* sold more than a million copies. The book will be published in the United States after a movie based on *"The Minds of Billy Milligan"* is completed. A final rewrite of that movie script is in progress.

To keep up with the latest on Keyes, who now lives in Boca Raton, Fla., check the Web at [shell.flite.net/~dkeyes/](http://shell.flite.net/~dkeyes/).

— Dwight Woodward



## 1940s

**Edward F. Fisher, BSC '47**, of Lake Placid, Fla., was listed in the National Register's "Who's Who in Executives and Professionals" as the founder of Ed Fisher Pre-Owned Mobile Home Sales.

## 1950s

**James F. Noonan, BSC '55**, was named by the governor of Maryland to the Commission on Individuals with Disabilities. He lives in Columbia, Md., with his wife, Dawn.

**Rocco Macri, BSCO '55**, of Dallas com-

peted in the Senior Olympic Games Championships in Temple, Texas. His basketball team, the Rams, won its third-straight title and was undefeated in the tournament. He retired after 17 years with Associates First Capital, where he was group president. Prior to that, he was a department president at General Electric Capital, where he worked for 23 years.

**Dave Warren, BFA '57**, has had a long career in graphic design and commercial illustration in Cincinnati, doing work for such companies as Bell Telephone, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Redbook* and *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. "I got into it because magazine illustrators were so good," he said, adding that he received encouragement at the time from top illustrators. He has worked in Cincinnati for 41 years and has three children and five grandchildren. At Ohio University, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and the university's swim team.

**Mary M. Gaydos, BFA '58**, a writer, researcher and actress in New York City, was included in the 22nd edition of "Who's Who of American Women."

**Jo Lane Brothers Elson, BS '59**, owns and operates the Elson Inn, a bed and breakfast in Magnolia, Ohio.



## 1960s

**Robert W. Lilley, BSEE '63, MSEE '67, PHD '74**, former director of Ohio University's Avionics Engineering Center, is vice president of navigation and communications for Illgen Simulation Technologies Inc. in Santa Barbara, Calif. He also serves as the membership mailing coordinator for the Santa Barbara Newcomers. Since retiring from Ohio University, he has renewed his interest in music through writing and performing. His wife, **Ellen Kiesel Lilley, BSED '63, MS '82**, is president of Santa Barbara Newcomers, executive director of the International Loran Association and a supervisor for Shaklee, which sells natural personal care and home products.

**Marilyn Mulvaney Streeter, BSSS '65**, retired from the Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction after 33 years as a high school business education and public service teacher. She and her husband, William, live in Plant City, Fla., and raise macaw parrots.

**Robert H. Miller Jr., PHD '65**, a tenured professor at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., was interim dean of the College of Sciences for the 1999-2000 academic year. Prior to that, he was chairman of the university's chemistry department for seven years. He is serving a two-year term, 1999-2001, on the Dean's Advisory Council for Ohio University's College of Arts and Sciences. His wife, **Cathern Harris Miller, MED '62**, is a retired educator.

**Dawn M. Semler Mock, BSED '67**, gifted supervisor for Lorain (Ohio) City Schools, is president of the Consortium of Ohio Coordinators of the Gifted.

**Marti Flaler Avant, BFA '67**, of Raleigh, N.C., is a residential real estate agent after working for years as a speech and language clinician.

**Rob Durkee, BSJ '68**, has published "American Top 40: The Countdown of the Century," which

## Late start launches teaching career

Most students are just beginning their adult lives when they step onto a college campus. But by the time Tess Quattrone Vaglienti walked into a classroom on one of Ohio University's regional campuses in 1957, she'd already done a lot of living.



Tess Vaglienti and Eastern Campus Dean James Newton

Vaglienti was a 42-year-old wife and mother when she decided to fulfill a long-time promise to her father to earn a college diploma. In a little more than five years, she completed an education degree at what was then Ohio University's Belmont campus in Martins Ferry, Ohio. (It's now Ohio University-Eastern in nearby St. Clairsville.)

"It was tough going to school, taking care of the gas station we owned and raising children," says Vaglienti, who lives in Bellaire, Ohio. "My daughter, bless her heart, would help me start dinner for our family. I would have to leave to attend classes, and she would finish the meal for my husband and son. She was 13 years old at the time."

Vaglienti's opportunity to attend college came about when her husband, Bill, who drove a school bus, was promoted to bus garage supervisor. She decided it was time to make good on her promise to her father, an Italian immigrant who ran a grocery store in her hometown of Welch, W.Va.

With the encouragement of Robert Bovenizer, an instructor and counselor at the Belmont campus, she plunged into her coursework.

"I asked Bob if he thought I was too old to start going to school again. He told me, 'Most certainly not. You can do it!'" she says.

Not long after graduation, she began teaching in Bellaire City Schools, where she enjoyed a 24-year career before retiring about 10 years ago.

Vaglienti took pride in watching her daughter, **Patricia Nelson**, attend her alma mater and her son, **William Vaglienti Jr., BSIT '65**, earn his degree. Her son met his future wife, **Julienne Stickel Vaglienti, BSJ '66**, while attending college.

Even now, Vaglienti is pursuing her education — but at a much more relaxed pace. She's studying Italian and enjoys square dancing and cooking.

— Dave Diosi

details the history of the popular radio show co-founded by radio personality Casey Kasem.

**Harry Clark, BBA '68**, an instructor pilot with FlightSafety-Boeing in Seattle, has been designated a master certificated flight instructor by the National Association of Flight Instructors. He lives in Issaquah, Wash., with his wife, Donna.

**William G. Rustic, BBA '68**, of Saginaw, Mich., retired after 30 years with the Saginaw Division of General Motors as a senior buyer. He is a consultant for several companies working to meet inter-

national quality standards.

**James L. McLaughlin, BFA '68**, received the Phi Delta Kappa Outstanding Educator of The Year Award in May 1999. He recently retired after 31 years as choir director at Zanesville (Ohio) High School and chairman of the city schools' vocal music department. McLaughlin, who has a private music studio in Zanesville, is the organist/director of music at Central Trinity United Methodist Church, conductor for the Civic Chorus and Orchestra and an Ohio Music Education Association adjudicator.



**Frank Skala, BBA '69**, retired from Ameritech/SBC after 30 years. He is chief financial officer at Compassall.com, which provides Internet consulting. He has reached eight of the 50 state summits and is a member of the Highpointer Club. Frank, his wife and four daughters, including **Jennifer, BBA '99**, and **Julie, BS '01**, reside in Cleveland.

**Marcia J. Gilder Orcutt, BSED '69**, is director of Learning PLUS, which provides academic support for students with learning disabilities at the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

**Sandra L. Jones, BSED '69**, teaches at an international school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Inspired by a friend who taught in Guam, she instructs students from all over the world. "Most of the students are trilingual," she said. "I am still working on being bilingual. It is exciting to work with such a diverse community." She would love former classmates to e-mail her at [sandilynjones@hotmail.com](mailto:sandilynjones@hotmail.com).

**Jean J. Corderman, MA '69**, was named Missouri Elder Law Attorney of the Year in 1999. She has since moved to Leesburg, Va., with her husband, **Doug Corderman, MA '69**, and practices in the areas of elder disability law and estate planning.

**Carole A.Z. Harbers, BS '69**, retired as an associate professor from Kansas State University in August 1998.

**Hassan Mekouar, MA '69**, recently had his book, "The Future Remains: Part 1," published in Morocco.

## 1970s

**Pamela Ptacek, BSHSS '70**, is the director of the Special Education Local Plan Area for San Mateo (Calif.) County's 23 school districts. She lives in the Bay Area with daughters Jessica, 18, and Rachel, 16.

**John B. Deaven, BFA '70**, and his family live in the historical West Adams section of Los Angeles. The kitchen of their house recently was used by Kraft Easy Mac for two commercials. Also filmed at the home was the comedy movie "Kiss

Toledo Goodbye" starring Christopher Walken.

**Darrell A. Swain, BBA '71**, is purchasing manager at Indiana Glass Co. in Dunkirk, Ind.

**Paul Thornton, BGS '71**, a leadership consultant, speaker and trainer, wrote the book "Be The Leader, Make The Difference." The book's subtitle, "Challenge, confidence and coaching," sums up what he thinks is essential to good leadership. "It is my belief that those three things make effective leaders and help them grow and develop," he said. Thornton lives in Chicopee, Mass., with his wife, Mary Jean, and two children, Katie, 22, and Andrew, 18.

**Amy Camardese, BSED '72**, is an assistant professor of special education at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. She has worked as a language arts instructor at Youngstown State University and an instructor of behavior management in special education at Kent State University.

**Karen Moore, BA '72**, a partner of the law firm Bricker & Eckler in Columbus, has been appointed to a five-year term as the state chair for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, an organization of more than 2,700 estate planning practitioners.

**Nancy Petenbrink, BSED '72**, recently sold her consulting firm in Pasadena, Calif., and accepted a position at Florida International University as director of the Office of Employee Assistance.

**Mac McIlrath, BBA '73**, real estate broker and owner of Century 21-Rise/McIlrath, was named 1999 Realtor of the Year by the Realtors Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh. He lives in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh with his sons, Brady, 17, and Scott, 13.

**John R. Eckelberry, BA '74**, is commander of Destroyer Squadron Two in Norfolk, Va., and is assigned to the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Battle Group. He has been in the U.S. Navy for 26 years.



## A jewel of a coincidence

Losing an Ohio University class ring can be a big disappointment. But a few lucky alumni have been reunited with lost rings thanks to the initials they had engraved inside them and some crafty detective work by university employees.

• **Richard Robinson, BSED '72**, of Douglasville, Ga., was vacationing in Cozumel, Mexico, six years ago when he removed his class ring to try on some jewelry in a display basket at a shop. "I was halfway to the Cayman Islands before realizing my ring was in that basket," he said. A maintenance man recently found it on the roof of a Valparaiso, Ind., school while fixing the air conditioning. He sent it to Ohio University, and staff members tracked Robinson down in March and returned the ring.

• **Aaron Monroe, BSME '73**, of Cortland, Ohio, lost his ring at a Florida beach in 1992. He was surprised to learn several years later that Patricia Wells of Sebring, Fla., had found it while combing the beach with a metal detector in 1994. Wells contacted the university, and the Registrar's Office combed its database of 1973 graduates with the initials ADM. "I was the only one to graduate that year with those initials," Monroe said.

• **Louis M. McKee, BBA '56**, of Tucson had lost his ring — a present from his wife three years after graduation — several years ago. Enter Tim Kanavel, who tracked McKee down with help from the Office of Alumni Relations after finding the ring in a Tucson parking lot. "I spotted it as I opened my truck door and a piece of paper blew out and landed close to the ring, which was barely sticking out of the ground. Some luck!"

—Andrea Gibson and Mary Alice Casey

**Daniel Hoppe, BGS '75**, is street superintendent for the city of Huron, Ohio. He and his wife, Judy, had their 25th wedding anniversary in April.

**Barbara Crouse, BSC '76**, is vice president of broadcast research at Eagle Marketing Services Inc. in Fort Collins, Colo. Eagle Marketing clients include radio and TV stations and e-commerce ventures.

**George "Chip" Thayer, BMUS '76**, retired after more than 19 years as a music teacher and four years as a principal at Fredricktown (Ohio) Local School District because he suffers from lipomeningocele, a form of spina bifida. To find out more about Chip and lipomeningocele, visit the Web at [www.geocities.com/HotSprings/Retreat/2275/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/HotSprings/Retreat/2275/index.html)

**Zoltan Puskas, BBA '77**, of Santa Barbara, Calif., is a senior account manager for southern California and the Southwest for Schlegel Systems.

**Barry Moses, BS '77**, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, has been named Of Counsel at the firm

Hahn Loeser and Parks. His practice deals with business transactions and insurance, corporate and regulatory law.

**Tom Federico, BSJ '78**, is senior vice president of design operations at the public relations firm Watt/Fleishman-Hillard in Cleveland.

**Roger S. McDowell, MBA '79**, graduated from Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, where he earned a doctor of chiropractic degree. Honored as the outstanding intern of his graduating class, he is in private practice in Hinsdale, Ill.

**Jeffrey R. Elliott, AB '79**, has become a partner in a new law firm in Reading, Pa.

**Jon D. Kocara, BSIT '79**, received the Air Force Material Command's Safety Engineer of the Year Award for 1999, the second time he's received the award since 1995. The award recognizes his work on the development of the Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft, on which he is the lead safety engineer. He lives in Springfield, Ohio, with his wife, **Vicky A. Gornick Kocara, BBA '80**.

**Paul Miller, BSED '79; Greg Behrens, BSED '82; and Jeff Will,**



# BOBCAT TRACKS

**BSH '83, MSPE '84**, received the National Athletic Trainers Association Service Award in July. All three are high school athletic trainers — Miller at Gahanna Lincoln High School, Behrens at Northmont High School and Will at Westerville North High School. Miller is a member of the State of Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board. Behrens is president of the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association, and Will is the secretary/treasurer of the association.

## 1980s

**Tim J. O'Hara, BBA '80**, is the director of national/international chemical petrochemical sales for Central Transport International Inc. He and his wife, Linda, live in Fairlawn, Ohio.

**Muhammad U. Jamaal, BBA '80**, is chief executive officer for Global Consulting Services Inc. in Cleveland. His specialty is developing e-business strategies.

**Greg A. Pfeil, AAS '80**, is a Boeing 737 captain for USAirways Airlines, where he has been employed for more than 13 years. His wife, Heidi, a flight attendant, has been with the company for 21 years. They live in West Jefferson, Ohio.

**Dennis S. Spisak, MA '81**, is principal at Southern Local High School in Salineville, Ohio. He lives in Struthers, Ohio, with his wife, Molly, and children, Brittany, Michael and Patrick.

**Joseph D. Rubino, AB '82, MPA '84**, is director of the equal opportunity department at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in Columbus.

**Debbie L. Davidson-Effler, BSC '82**, is a senior copywriter at HSR Business to Business Inc., handling marketing communications for clients such as Cincinnati Bell, Nantiox Online and GE Plastics. She and her husband, Jim, live in Cincinnati.

**Laurie Klein, MFA '82**, of Brookfield, Conn., has had her photography published in *New York Magazine*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Modern Bride*, *Elegant Bride* and *RangeFinder* and has published a book, "Hand Coloring Black and White Photography." She has studied with photographer Ansel Adams and appeared on Lifetime Television's "Our Home."

**Kim Tozer Blume, BSHEC '82**, is a designer/planner at Herman Miller for Healthcare in Lexington, S.C.

**James P. Hug, BSC '83**, of Brighton, Mich., is director of sales in the United States and Canada for Muratec America. He was married in June 1998 to Stacie Kool. He has two children, Jessie, 12, and Alex, 10.

**Adrienne Sobolak, BSJ '83**, released a new book, "Scoundrel For Hire," in December 1999. She donated royalties from the historical romance to tree-planting projects and is using the book to raise awareness about urban reforestation. She is a member of TreeFolks, an Austin-based organization dedicated to beautifying central Texas.

**Linda Swallie, BSN '83**, of Barnesville, Ohio, is an education consultant at Genesis Health Care System.

**Jeffrey Fulton, BBA '84**, recently became general manager of Plains Cooperative Telephone in northeastern Colorado. He was employed as project manager at GCI Inc., an Alaskan long-distance carrier. He also was a captain with the U.S. Army Signal Corps. Jeffrey and his wife, **Mary Rapp Fulton, BSRS '84**, reside in Joes, Colo., with their three children.

**Mark Johnson, BFA '84**, is a graphic designer/print coordinator at the Columbus College of Art and Design.

**Toni Wilbarger, BSJ '84**, of Curtice, Ohio, has released a Christian novel, "Out of Grace," published by ACW Press. To find out more about her book or drop her a line, e-mail her at [twilbarg@interlink-tech.com](mailto:twilbarg@interlink-tech.com).

**Thomas E. Lynch, BSC '85**, and **Mary C. Michael, BGS '87**, were married in June 1998 and live in

Hilliard, Ohio.

**Jeffrey P. Compton, BA '86**, recently opened a law office in Grove City, Ohio.

**Manuel N. Sanguily, BSRS '87**, is an estate manager for Kabl and Associates in Greenwich, Conn. He lives in Mount Kisco, N.Y.

**David Fleming Jr., BSED '87**, recently joined Appraisal Research Corp. in Findlay, Ohio, and will begin managing appraisal projects in southeastern Ohio.

**Kurt Leibensperger, BS '87, MA '88**, is president of the Advertising Federation of Greater Akron. He is an account executive at Rubber City Radio Group's WAKR/WONE in Akron.

**Anne Marie Saldajeno, BSC '88**, is product manager of the Web site *Starbucks.com* for Starbucks Coffee Co. in Seattle. She is married to Robert T. Carroll, a doctoral degree candidate at the University of Washington.

**Karen Hyde, PHD '88**, is an international executive consultant for RHR International Co. after completing her Navy career as a lieutenant commander aerospace psychologist. She and her husband live in Atlanta.

**Wendi Berger Sanders, BSC '88**, of New York City is executive beauty director at *InStyle Magazine*, a Time Inc. publication. She previously was beauty manager at *Vanity Fair*. "Our circulation is 1.4 million, so as you can imagine, the work is pretty fast-paced," she said, "especially since beauty is No. 1 in advertising."

**Candace Vancko, PHD '88**, is president of the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi. She previously served as vice president of enrollment services at Hocking College. She and her husband, Robert, have three grown children, Kathryn, Robert and Melissa.

**Maureen McKenna Herman, BSC '89**, has been named director of affiliate operations and new media at the ABC television network in New York. Her husband, **Greg Herman, BSC '87**, is direct imports manager for Fisher-Price Brands.

**Richard Kammer, BSJ '89**, is an account executive at Flynn, Sabatino and Day in Cleveland. He lives in Solon, Ohio, with his wife and three children.

**Kevin Mark Vance, BSED '89**, principal at Saint Vivian School in Cincinnati, received a master's in education administration from Xavier University in 1999.

**Daniel A. Weiss, BA '89**, won the Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations' International Prize for Pioneer Developmental Projects and the Millennium International Volunteer Award from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. He is the founder and executive director of Amizade, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting volunteerism, providing community service and improving cultural awareness around the world.

## 1990s

**Sally P. Nelson, BSJ '90**, and **Mark Nelson, BBA '90**, of Neenah, Wis., had their first baby, Nicole Joan, in January. Mark is an assistant product manager for Huggies Diapers at Kimberly-Clark Corp., and Sally is a customer service manager for a mail house.

**Peggy Lettau, MBA '90**, adopted two girls from Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, in April 1998. They are Rebekah "Bekah" Anna Lettau, born in May 1995, and Abigail "Abbey" Elizabeth Lettau, born in May 1996.

**James E. Holbert, BSED '90**, is chief pilot for the Ohio University Air Transportation Service. He has had extensive pilot-in-command operating experience throughout the world. Besides serving as pilot-in-command for the university's King Air 200 aircraft, he is supervising pilots, standardizing flight operations and helping to review airport procedures.

**Craig Drennen, MFA '91**, is a professor in the foundation studies department at the Savannah



College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga.

**Wendy Crall Hieba, BBA '91**, is a wholesale sales planner at Moen Inc. She and her husband, Rob, live in Parma Heights, Ohio.

**Melissa Dykstra, BSJ '91**, is a senior account executive at Lord, Sullivan and Yoder Inc. She previously was with Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. in Nashville for eight years.

**Suzanne M. Conroy, BS '91**, is an associate in the real estate practice group at the law firm Arter & Hadden in Cleveland.

**Michael Schwiebert, BSC '91**, is account program manager in the Spicer Driveshaft Division of Dana Corp. He and his wife, **Rebecca DeMeritt Schwiebert, BA '93**, had their first child, Meredith Claire, in June 1999. Rebecca is a registered nurse at Flower Hospital in Sylvania, Ohio. They live in Perrysburg, Ohio.

**Qiang Zhai, PHD '91**, published his book, "China and the Vietnam

Wars, 1950-1975," in April. He is a professor of history at Auburn University Montgomery in Alabama.

**Sean Stark, BSC '92**, of Parker, Colo., was the top salesperson in 1999 for PULTE Home Corp.

**Terrance L. Reimer, BFA '92**, won four awards in the 1999 Associated Press Society of Ohio awards contest, including first place for a photo essay. "Everything appears only once in front of the camera, and then every photo turns this 'once' into an always," he said. He is a fine art digital imaging specialist in Oakhurst, Calif.

**Aileen Pagan, BA '92**, of San Diego, Calif., completed her master's degree in counseling psychology and has been working at an outpatient clinic for the severely mentally ill. She also creates audiotapes customized for certain psychological needs, including anxiety, mood, eating and sleep disorders.

**Michelle Casto, BS '92**, of Atlanta is a personal and professional development consultant and a career development facilitator, author and speaker. She is the author of the book, "Get Smart!

About Modern Romantic Relationships: Your Personal Guide to Finding Right and Real Love."

**Emily McCormack, BSS '92**, of Willowbrook, Ill., teaches business writing at the College of DuPage. She wrote "Helpful Tips for Business Writing." Her fiction novel, "Never A Teardrop," was released recently.

**Sheryl Kron Rhodes, MA '93**, and her husband, Rod, had a daughter, Kiersten Elizabeth, in January 1998. Sheryl is a freelance editor in Pinckney, Mich. In June 1999, she was a contestant on "Jeopardy" and was the one-day champion.

**Chrystal Milliser Jones, BFA '93**, and her husband, Michael, had a son, Drew, in 1999. Jones owns Chrystal Images Photography Studio in Lancaster, Ohio.

**Lesley Kennedy, BFA '93**, is a certified Pilates body conditioning instructor and massage therapist in New York City.

**Joseph Munizza, BBA '93**, is a staff accountant at Sisterson and Co., an accounting professional services firm in Pittsburgh.

**Shawn M. Donatelli, DO '94**, of Lowellville, Ohio, is chief of staff at Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital.

**Fay Yokomizo Akindes, MA '94, PHD '99**, is an assistant professor of communication at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Her husband, **Simon Akindes, MA '93, PHD '96**, is an assistant professor of instructional technology at the same university. They have two children, Adelana and Tunji.

**Holly Miller, BSED '94**, is executive director of The Singing Buckeyes, a nonprofit Columbus barbershop chorus that hosts an annual summer camp for students. "This chapter's dedication to our youth through music was a major draw for me," she said.

**Laurel Moore, BFA '94**, is on the board of directors of the Chicago Dance Coalition.

**George A. Rafeedie, BSJ '94**, received a master's degree in integrated marketing communications at Northwestern University in 1999 and is a senior public relations analyst for Arthur Andersen. He and his wife, **Karen Vogelsang Rafeedie, BSJ '95**, live in Evanston, Ill.



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## Anthony Bush, BSC

'94, MA '95, was one of the 50 marching drummers in the show "Tapestry of Nations" at the E-Trade Superbowl XXXIV halftime show in January. A member of the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra in Atlanta since 1997, Bush is a media services coordinator at Georgia Perimeter College.



**Dan S. Kennedy, BSEE '95**, of Grove City, Ohio, is a professional engineer with the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

**Mindy Stroh, BS '95, MED '98**, former assistant director of student activities at Ohio University, is coordinator of programs for student activities at Boston University.

**Moe M. Enyart-Lambert, BS '95**, is a fourth-grade teacher at Groveport-Madison schools in Columbus, Ohio.

**Susan MacKenty Brady, MED**

'95, is manager of the executive education program at Babson College in Babson Park, Mass.

**Kathy J. Warner, MAIA '95**, a free-lance marketer in New York City, performed in the St. Bart's Cabaret 2000 Fundraiser in May. She previously was a member of the Opera Chorus of the Tennessee Opera Theatre and has performed with the St. Cecilia Chorus at Carnegie Hall.

**James Michnowicz, BSED '96, MA '98**, recently finished his second year teaching Spanish at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. He is assistant director of a study abroad summer program in Seville, Spain.

**Eric D. Pearson, BSH '96**, a full-time firefighter/EMT for Margaretta Township Fire Department in Castalia, Ohio, received his third degree in fire science and emergency services from Hocking College.

**Robby W. Wyatt, BS '96**, graduated from medical school in May 2000. He and his wife, **Marcy Dawn Wyatt, BS '96**,

have moved from Cincinnati to San Antonio, Texas, for his medical residency.

**Jennifer E. Harder Evans, BSHCS '96**, and **David Evans Jr., BSED '96**, were married in September 1999.

**Tysen Naughton, BSC '97**, and **Bob Nowak, BBA '98**, plan to marry in October in Chicago.

**Bethany DePalma, BSH '97**, and **Todd Sanderson, BSC '97**, were married in June 1999 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Todd is a free-lance videographer and editor, and Bethany is an AIDS Foundation educator. They live in Centerville, Ohio.

**Amy Hall Gray, BSJ '98**, is an Internet columnist for Bella Online, an online multimedia network created by women for women. She also is site manager for the home and garden section, moderates discussion areas and recommends books to site visitors. She and her husband, **Gary Gray, BSCHC '98**, live in Fairlawn, Ohio.

**Jennifer Lynn Snyder, BSHCS '98**, is a clinical dietician at St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

**Nicholas L. Magistrale, BSSE '97, MSPE '98**, and **Hilarie Hildenbrand, BSED '97**, were married in December 1999. Nick, who played Ohio University football, is assistant director of marketing and promotions for the Athletic Association at the University of Georgia, and Hilarie, a former Bobcat cheerleader, is a teacher.



**Jennifer Dietz Chandler, BSJ '98**, is a marketing specialist at the software development company Hyland Software Inc. in Cleveland.

**Leah J. Rutkowski, BFA '99**, is living and working in Atlanta as a certified Pilates body conditioning instructor at Body Central.

**Adam L. Hatton, MS '99**, of Houston is a geologist for Exxon Oil.

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<b>AA</b> - Associate in Arts	<b>BSIT</b> - Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology
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<b>AAS</b> - Associate in Applied Science	<b>BSME</b> - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
<b>AB</b> - Bachelor of Arts	<b>BSN</b> - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
<b>AIS</b> - Associate in Individualized Studies	<b>BSPE</b> - Bachelor of Science in Physical Education
<b>AS</b> - Associate in Science	<b>BSPT</b> - Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy
<b>BA</b> - Bachelor of Arts	<b>BSRS</b> - Bachelor of Science in Recreational Studies
<b>BBA</b> - Bachelor of Business Administration	<b>BSSPS</b> - Bachelor of Science in Sport Sciences
<b>BCJ</b> - Bachelor of Criminal Justice	<b>BSS</b> - Bachelor of Specialized Studies
<b>BFA</b> - Bachelor of Fine Arts	<b>BSVC</b> - Bachelor of Science in Visual Communication
<b>BGS</b> - Bachelor of General Studies	<b>DO</b> - Doctor of Osteopathy
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<b>BS</b> - Bachelor of Science	<b>MA</b> - Master of Arts
<b>BSA</b> - Bachelor of Science in Aviation	<b>MAHSS</b> - Master of Arts in Hearing and Speech Sciences
<b>BSAS</b> - Bachelor of Science in Airway Science	<b>MBA</b> - Master of Business Administration
<b>BSAT</b> - Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training	<b>MED</b> - Master of Education
<b>BSC</b> - Bachelor of Science in Communication or Commerce (specify)	<b>MFA</b> - Master of Fine Arts
<b>BSCS</b> - Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	<b>MHA</b> - Master of Health Administration
<b>BSCE</b> - Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	<b>MHSA</b> - Master of Health Services Administration
<b>BSCHC</b> - Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering	<b>MLS</b> - Master of Liberal Studies
<b>BSED</b> - Bachelor of Science in Education	<b>MM</b> - Master of Music
<b>BSEE</b> - Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering	<b>MPA</b> - Master of Public Administration
<b>BSEH</b> - Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health	<b>MPT</b> - Master of Physical Therapy
<b>BSH</b> - Bachelor of Science in Health	<b>MS</b> - Master of Science
<b>BSHCS</b> - Bachelor of Science in Human and Consumer Sciences	<b>MSA</b> - Master of Sports Administration
<b>BSHEC</b> - Bachelor of Science in Home Economics	<b>MSAC</b> - Master of Science in Accountancy
<b>BSHSS</b> - Bachelor of Science in Hearing and Speech Sciences	<b>MSHEC</b> - Master of Science in Home Economics
<b>BSIE</b> - Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering	<b>MSPE</b> - Master of Science in Physical Education
<b>BSIH</b> - Bachelor of Science in Industrial Hygiene	<b>MSPEX</b> - Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
	<b>MSS</b> - Master of Social Science
	<b>PHD</b> - Doctor of Philosophy



# IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING FELLOW ALUMNI

## 1920s

**Frances Hammond, PUBS '20**, of Williamsport, Ohio, Feb. 23, 1988; **Wayne Shaw, 6AB '22, CE '22**, of Oakmont, Pa., Oct. 17, 1997; **Alice I. Rossfeld, KP '25**, of Lima, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1998; **Bernadine J. Minister, HOME '27, BSED '29**, of Perry, Ohio, April 29, 1998; **Carl F. Carsten, ABC '28**, of Naples, Fla., 1996; **Dale E. Mansperger, INDE '29, BSED '30**, of Willoughby, Ohio, March 23.

## 1930s

**Helen Ucker, KP '30, BSED '50**, of Logan, Ohio, April 25, 1999; **Helen Ferneau, KP '30, BSED '62**, of Columbus, Feb. 24; **Grace Rosemary Mizer, BSED '31**, of West Lafayette, Ohio, Feb. 24; **Thelma I. Bounds, ELED '32, BSED '54**, of Newark, Ohio, May 15, 1999; **Ann E. Wiessinger, AB '33**, of Sarasota, Fla., March 5; **Martha Rodenbaugh, BSED '33**, of Amanda, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1998; **Delmas O. Workman, BSED '34**, of Hillsboro, Ohio, March 18; **Marion Edwin Violet, AB '34**, of Columbus, Jan. 4; **Rebecca E. Blackstone, ELED '34, MED '54**, of Tampa, Fla., Jan. 9; **Doyle S. Dudgeon, ABC '34**, of Tampa, Fla., Dec. 9, 1997; **Robert K. Scott, '35**, of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Sept. 14, 1999; **Paul G. Samuel, BSED '36**, of Warsaw, Ohio, Feb. 12; **Paul J. Hyme, BSED '38**, of Lancaster, Ohio, March 7; **Willard F. Meeker, BSEE '39**, of Asheville, N.C., March 19; **James L. McClanahan, BSED '39**, of River Forest, Ill., Jan. 8; **Frances Batten Young, AB '39**, of Akron, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1999.

## 1940s

**Irvin L. White, BSCO '40**, of Island Heights, N.J., March 7, 1998; **Louis R. McWhorter, BSCO '41**, of Indianapolis, April 7; **Lee Tippet, BSEE**

**'43**, of Naples, Fla., April 25; **Joye A. Doane, AB '46**, of Canon City, Colo., Dec. 24; **Lenora R. White, BFA '47**, of San Diego, June 8, 1997; **Franklin D. Long, BFA '47**, of Shadyside, Ohio, Jan. 2; **Richard F. Dolan, BSED '47, MS '50**, of Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 2; **Frank I. Blakeley, BSCO '48**, of Salem, Ohio, Feb. 21; **Richard A. McConnell, BS '48**, of Coshocton, Ohio, Feb. 8; **Harry H. Richey, BSCO '49**, of Ft. Myers, Fla., March 25.

## 1950s

**Andrew Holliday, BSJ '50**, of Canfield, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1999; **Joseph F. Kravos, BSEE '50**, of Upland, Calif., March 10; **John R. Miller, BSJ '50**, of Carolina Shores, N.C., Oct. 21, 1999; **Daniel D. Dubin, BSCO '50**, of North Royalton, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1991; **Clarence R. Dicken, BSED '50, MED '57**, of Franklin, Ohio, Feb. 24; **Floyd H. Hall, AB '50, MA '55**, of Lexington, Ky., Oct. 27; **George P. Masters, BSCO '50**, of Canfield, Ohio, June 26, 1994; **Charles T. Sowards, BSCO '51**, of Chillicothe, Ohio, March 25; **Kathleen Newberry, ELED '50, BSED '51**, of Portsmouth, Ohio, July 17; **James R. McGlinchey, BSCO '50**, of Columbus, Jan. 8; **James H. Fulks, AB '51**, of Canfield, Ohio, Dec. 21; **James E. Cochran, BSJ '52**, of Clarendon Hills, Ill., Nov. 21; **Robert L. Brennan, BSED '52, MED '58**, of Wellston, Ohio, Feb. 22; **Winfield S. Hall, AB '52**, of San Francisco, March 3, 1997; **Richard T. Galbos, '52**, of Mentor, Ohio, Feb. 29; **George Thompson Jr., BSED '53**, of Sarasota, Fla., Oct. 25; **Jane Heintzelman, '54**, of Nelsonville, Ohio, Dec. 23; **Gene R. Tillman, BFA '55**, of Cleveland, Jan. 2, 1999; **JoAnn E. Hillard, BSED '58**, of New Orleans,

Jan. 7; **Jan Jennings, BSED '58**, of Charlottesville, N.C., Feb. 21.

## 1960s

**Terrence E. Leedom, BSJ '60**, of Charleston, W.Va., Feb. 5; **Mary F. Mantonya, BSED '61**, of Newark, Ohio, Jan. 30; **George E. Tipton, BSED '62**, of Logan, Ohio, Sept. 5, 1998; **Robert D. Kuhn, BSED '67, MED '72**, of Logan, Ohio, March 25; **Richard J. Meehan, AB '67**, of Irvine, Calif., June 29, 1996; **Steven Braunstein, MA '68**, of New Zealand, Oct. 29; **Eileen A. Thompson, MS '69**, of Cambridge, Ohio, Dec. 25.

## 1970s

**William H. Roberts, PHD '70**, of Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 16, 1997; **Sharon Stricker, BSED '70**, of Newark, Ohio, April 2; **Thomas L. Clark, PHD '70**, of Las Vegas, Feb. 26, 1998; **Kenneth M. Crawford, BSED '71**, of Logan, Ohio, Feb. 25; **Greg D. Schoelles, AB '74**, of Columbus, May 21, 1998; **Anne M. Finnegan, PHD '75**, of West Liberty, W.Va., March 14; **Margaret H. Busch, BSJ '75**, of Columbus, Feb. 15; **Florence M. Bethel, AA '76**, of Barnesville, Ohio, June 22, 1998; **James M. Christy, BBA '76**, of Marietta, Ohio, Feb. 6; **Joann L. Phillips, AB '76**, of Cleveland, March 12.

## 1980s

**Susan E. Riggs, BSED '81**, of White Bluff, Tenn., March 25; **Michael Wentz, BBA '84**, of Rock Hill, S.C., Dec. 13, 1998; **Barbara E. Dowler, AAB '86**, of Chillicothe, Ohio, March 4.

## 1990s

**Karin Sue Kowalski, BGS**

**'90**, of Cleveland, Feb. 23; **Tammy Marie Hladky, BSJ '90**, of Gillette, Wyo., June 24, 1995; **Kimberly D. Kiser, AB '93**, of Pomeroy, Ohio, March 17; **Ryan Edward Glass, DO '94**, of Columbus, Jan. 19, 1998; **William J. Dotson, BSED '98**, of Pickerington, Ohio, Dec. 23; **Jennifer R. Whitlatch, BSED '98**, of Wilmington, Ohio, Dec. 11, 1999. Whitlatch, who was a teacher at Clinton-Massey Elementary School, was a past president of Ohio University's Delta Zeta sorority.

## Faculty and staff

**Bernadine L. Allen, BS '43, EMER '86**, of Athens, instructor emerita of zoological and biomedical sciences, died April 4. She taught at Ohio University for 22 years.

**John H. Timmis III, EMER '89**, of Warren, Pa., professor emeritus of interpersonal communication, died June 21, 1999.

**William T. Wolfe**, of Jensen Beach, Fla., former instructor of photography at Ohio University, died Nov. 22, 1999. At the time of his retirement, he was the assistant director of Ohio University's School of Fine Arts.

**Harry Hultgren Jr.**, of The Plains, Ohio, former Ohio University professor and chairman of the Classical Languages Department, died March 6.

## To submit a notice

To submit a death notice, supply name (including maiden name) date of death, place of residence and, if possible, a published obituary to Alumni Information Services, 280 HDL Center, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869.

*In Memoriam was compiled by Sarah Quick, BSJ '02, with assistance from Alumni Information Services.*

## Look here, alumni!

By Ralph Amos



If you're taking the time to read this sentence, I've already scored a major victory. The fact is, you're busy. And I know it.

Think for a moment about the things that compete for your time and attention. Your family, your job, your church or synagogue, your booster club, your civic group. All important. All needing your participation. All keeping you from staying

more connected to Ohio University.

In recent years, alumni organizations have begun to look at themselves and their operations with an eye for quality management and strategic planning. While some fear that this almost corporate-like approach will damage the fabric of their organiza-

tion's traditions, others see the processes as timely and appropriate.

The leadership of the Ohio University Alumni Association always has valued the opportunity to keep step both with our alumni and society as a whole. On the surface, our mission may not seem that grand or imposing. But when you consider all of our competition for your time, the challenge becomes more apparent.

The goals we have set for your

than 160,000 alumni worldwide?

- Do we market our offerings in effective and exciting ways — ways that gain your attention and support your interests?

- Are we willing to make changes in who we are and what we do to meet the demands of our diverse constituencies?

To better serve you, and to tap the many resources you can share with the university, we must learn more about your needs and desires. Then we must reinvent all that is good and valued about the Alumni Association while continuing to develop opportunities, programs and services that are innovative and timely.

Let me give you an example of what I mean by this.

Many alumni have told us that they would love to be more involved with the university and the Alumni Association, but their busy schedules pose limitations. Yet when asked if they would take a moment to contact a student by phone or e-mail to congratulate them on being accepted to the university, they say they would do so immediately.

As this organization continues to look at what it is and where it is going, we need your help. We ask that you contact us with innovative ideas you have seen offered elsewhere in your world, approaches that you believe have value for Ohio University. You also can share information on your needs and desires so that we can tailor our offerings to better meet them. And let us know what you think about the programs sponsored by your local alumni chapter or society so we can help them to be more effective.

This isn't an idle request. I want to hear from you. If you've gotten to this point of the column, won't you take a few more minutes right now to pick up the phone or knock out an e-mail or letter?

*Ralph Amos is an assistant vice president and the executive director of alumni relations.*



**Rick Essex, BSED '74 and MSPE '84, pages through old yearbooks during the summer's Aspire Leaders Conference.**

Alumni Association are pretty simple: We want an increased number of you to attend university and chapter functions. We want you to become and stay involved in your college, school or special interest group. We want you to turn to us when you look for educational and travel opportunities.

We have several options as we seek to get alumni more involved, but there are a few important questions we must answer first:

- Are the association's current programs and services valued by our more



**Friends gather in prayer at the 1998 Black Alumni Reunion on campus.**

### To contact us

There are several ways you can contact your alumni director. You can write to the Ohio University Alumni Association, 1000 University Ave., Athens, Ohio 45701-0001. You can call (614) 293-1111. You can fax (614) 293-1111. You can e-mail [alumni@ohio.edu](mailto:alumni@ohio.edu). You can visit our website at [www.ohio.edu/alumni](http://www.ohio.edu/alumni). You can also contact your local alumni chapter or society. For more information, contact your alumni director.





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# Planning for the future!

## 2000

Sept. 15-17	Silver Reunion, Class of 1975
Sept. 22-24	Parents Weekend
Oct. 6-8	Ten-Year Reunion, Class of 1990
Oct. 14-19	Inland Waterways Tour, Northern California
Oct. 19-20	Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 20-22	Homecoming 2000: Puttin' it together
Oct. 21	Alumni Marching Band Reunion
Nov. 3-4	Hockey Alumni Weekend 2000
Nov. 4	WOUB, Ohio University radio station, 50th anniversary celebration
Nov. 17-18	Football/Cheerleader Alumni Weekend
Nov. 22-25	Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade/Marching 110 Trip
Feb. 9-11	Siblings Weekend
Feb. 22-28	Legends of the Nile Tour

## 2001

Feb. 24-March 12	New Zealand & Australia Tour
March 13-20	London Escapade Tour
March 16-24	Among the Great Whales Tour
May 4-6	Moms Weekend
May 18-20	Black Alumni Reunion
May 20-26	In the Wake of Lewis and Clark Tour
May 30-June 7	Alumni College in Wales & Northern England
June 11-19	Alumni College in Spain
June 15-17	Golden Reunion, Class of 1951
July 16-22	Alumni College 2001 - Ohio University
Sept. 9-19	Kenya Wildlife Safari
Sept. 23-Oct. 8	Ancient Treasures of China Tour
Oct. 1-9	Alumni College in Sorrento, Italy
Nov. 3-9	Antebellum South and Intercoastal Waterways

For more information on any of these events, please contact the Ohio University Alumni Association at [alumni@ohio.edu](mailto:alumni@ohio.edu) or (740) 593.4300.



Plan to be a part of it all!

# Photojournalist making a splash



This photo of a Dive In Movie at the Aquatic Center in February was among several Vincent Pugliese, BSVC '00, submitted in hopes of qualifying for the Hearst National Photojournalism Finals last spring. Not only did he earn a spot in the finals' two-day shootout in San Francisco, he won the title of National Grand Champion in Photojournalism as well as the Best Picture Story Award. Pugliese now is a staff photographer at *The Evansville (Ind.) Courier and Press*.

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